



COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Two Formidable
Tasks

TWO formidable tasks confront M. Guy Mollet. The first is to form a government whose personnel will be acceptable to the French National Assembly; the second, to present a programme which will have a general appeal to the country at least some sort of parliamentary stability. M. Mollet is endeavouring to establish a government drawn from the Socialist and Radical Republican parties—a centre left combination—but he starts from the unpromising position of the alliance being a minority section of the new National Assembly. When, therefore, it comes to voting on legislation and seeking the confidence of the Assembly, he will either have to rely on the tolerance of the right wing Deputies, or accept the patronage of the Communists.

No one will envy M. Mollet his dilemma. An implacable anti-Communist during the whole of his political career, nothing could be more embarrassing to the Premier-designate than having to rely on the Communist vote in the Assembly to keep his government in office.

On the other hand, because Mollet is in alliance with M. Mendes-France, the Faure group of Deputies will be reluctant to sustain the new government. In the background, and unknown in intentions, are the 62 Poujadists, whose voting strength is capable of upsetting the balance of any of the established alliances in the Assembly.

M. Mollet's programme will probably eschew anything sensational, though he will have to handle his associate Mendes-France firmly and resist his pressure for the introduction of radical policies. In foreign affairs, M. Mollet, as a great believer in a united Europe and last year's French delegate to the Assembly of the European Coal and Steel Community, can be expected to drive to strengthen ties with West Germany, and to retain a firm friendship with Britain and the United States.

First problem, however, will be that of Algeria, where some sort of agreement which preserves the interests of France and at the same time realises, at least in part, Algerian aspirations, is becoming imperative. Domestically, M. Mollet faces the twin problem of inflation and demands by workers for increased wages.

If M. Mollet can establish a stable government he will be performing a great service for his country. Yet if he fails he will not merit the finger of scorn being pointed at him. Others with greater voting strength at their command have been forsaken in the Assembly over relatively minor matters of policy, and there will be no great surprise if the life of his government turns out to be a short one.

Spotlight On John Foster

John Foster Dulles and Stalin had four things in common. In tomorrow's big feature-packed edition of the China Mail, Les Armour, ace Fleet Street feature writer presents a study of the policies of the American Secretary of State.

This is only one of the highlights of the Saturday Mail. James Wickenden contributes another important background study to a current news story—the conference in London between the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd and Tengku Abdul Rahman of Malaya.

HK DRIVING INSTRUCTORS TO PASS POLICE TEST

Important New Road Traffic Regulations DEvised TO IMPROVE SAFETY

New regulations affecting learner motor drivers and their instructors are announced in today's Government Gazette and will come into force on April 1.

From this date driving instructors will be required to have held a valid driving licence for not less than three years, to have passed a Police test as to their fitness to give driving lessons and possess written permission from the Commissioner of Police to instruct.

Learner drivers will be required to be accompanied in a motor vehicle by a driving instructor at all times and will not be allowed to carry any passengers other than the instructor.

Learner licences for driving commercial vehicles will, generally speaking, be granted only to applicants who have reached the age of 21 and already have held a driving licence for a private car for three years.

Additional amendments to the regulations include provision for driving licences to be valid for twelve months from the date of issue or renewal, for special annual fees for the licensing of commercial motor vehicles used solely on construction sites, re-definition of the obligation of drivers to conform with traffic lights, re-definition of urban areas where a 30 m.p.h. speed limit applies, and certain other minor amendments. These come into force immediately.

RISING ACCIDENT RATE

"The intention of the new regulations," said the Commissioner of Police, Mr. A. C. Maxwell this morning, "is to improve road safety in Hong Kong."

"The Colony's road accident rate has been rising steadily during the past five years. There were 6,859 accidents in 1951, 8,057 in 1952, 9,536 in 1953 and 12,324 in 1954. Last year there were no fewer than 11,775.

"During the past two years 10,000 new drivers were issued with licences and approximately 5,000 additional vehicles came on the roads. At present, not counting learners, there are 49,300 licensed drivers and 25,000 licensed vehicles, exclusive of Service vehicles.

"After the lifting of restrictions on the issue of licences to learner drivers in 1954, applications for these licences went up by leaps and bounds. No fewer than 31,089 learner licences were issued in 1955. During the year 17,128 of these people came up for tests and 8,499 failed—that is, very nearly 50 per cent.

"The inference is strong that the quality of driving instruction is not all that it might be. At present anyone who has held a driving licence for just one year can set up as a driving instructor. Many prosecutions have been taken against driving instructors since the issue of learner licences was relaxed in 1954.

"We believe that if learner drivers are properly taught at the outset the drivers of the future will be of a higher calibre. And good driving will make for improved road safety."

"So, after consultation with Traffic Advisory Committee, it has been decided that all instructors must in future have held a licence for at least three years and have passed a Police Test as to their fitness to give lessons to beginners. After a certain date it will be an offence for anyone to instruct without my written permission.

A fee of \$20 will be charged for the test and professional instructors will also be required to pay \$50 a year for their written permit.

"The regulations do however give me power to issue a permit without fee to any person who can satisfy me that he intends to teach one person only—such as a relative or friend—and is not being paid for his services. In such case the permit which will issue will bear the name of the learner as well as of the instructor.

"To give driving instructors time to prepare for tests and also to enable Traffic Branch to make the necessary administrative arrangements, April 1 has been chosen as the date on which these new regulations come into force. Moreover in order to prevent undue hardship to any learner already in possession of a licence and who may have paid tuition fees to an instructor who is not qualified to teach under the new regulations, provision is made that all in possession of learner driver licences at April 1 may continue with current arrangements—including renewal of the learner licence—until September 30 of this year after which date they will be bound by the new regulations.

"So far as the learner himself is concerned, the new regulations mean that he will be required to be accompanied at all times by a driving instructor holding a written permit and may carry no passengers other than the instructor."

TIGHTENING UP CONDITIONS

"We have taken the opportunity to tighten up the conditions for issuing learner licences for driving—public vehicles, taxis and commercial vehicles. Learner licences for this class of vehicle will not in future be granted to anyone under the age of 21 and who has not already held a licence to drive a private motor vehicle for at least three years. Much the same conditions apply to learner driver licences for omnibuses but in this case the regulations empower me to waive the condition of having held a licence for three years. I am able to do this because of the excellent co-operation shown by the bus companies in training their given drivers thoroughly before putting them on the road.

"I have already said that it is our hope that the new arrangements will do much to ensure that learner drivers are given proper instruction, thus improving road safety generally. I also hope that they will result in fewer learner drivers failing their tests and a consequent lightening of the strain upon Police officers who have the duty of carrying out driving tests."

Referring to some of the other amendments to the regulations, the Commissioner said that probably the most important of all was that which re-defines the rules about observance of traffic lights. This amendment brings these into line with those now used in the United Kingdom Highway Code.

"CRASHING" THE LIGHTS

"Far too many accidents are caused in this Colony by drivers 'crashing' the lights," Mr. Maxwell said. "Many Hong Kong drivers—both Chinese and European—when pulled up for this offence have pleaded that they were 'crossing on the amber' and did not seem to realise that this was a major accident cause.

"The new regulations make the correct procedure at traffic lights perfectly plain: RED means STOP. Wait behind the stop line on the carriageway. RED and AMBER also means STOP. Do not go until GREEN shows.

GREEN means you may GO ON IF THE ROAD IS CLEAR. Take special care if you mean to turn right or left.

AMBER means STOP at the stop line. You may go on if the AMBER appears after you have crossed the stop line or are so close to it that to pull up might cause an accident.

GREEN ARROW means that you may GO IN THE DIRECTION SHOWN BY THE ARROW. You may do this whatever other lights may be showing. "The same rules apply to drivers of trams."

"The other amendments are mainly administrative but I think most drivers will welcome the decision making driving licences valid for a full twelve months from the date of issue or renewal instead of as at present for the fiscal year April 1 to March 31 or any part thereof. I am also empowered to grant days of grace up to a maximum of 15 in respect of renewals."

SPEED LIMIT AREAS

"Finally the public should know that certain amendments have been made to speed limit areas. For example, the speed limit of 20 m.p.h. in certain urban areas of Hong Kong has now been raised to 30 m.p.h. "We are doing this because there are times and conditions when a speed of 20 m.p.h. can safely be exceeded. On the other hand there are occasions when a speed of much less than 20 m.p.h. can be dangerous. The onus must always be on the driver to drive at a speed and in a manner which does not endanger the safety of other road users.

"The Traffic Branch will erect signs for the guidance of motorists in the areas affected."

TRIPLETS FOR DIVORCEE

New York, Jan. 26. Mrs. Leona Padfield, who was granted a divorce last summer, gave birth to triplets today. All were boys.

Mrs. Padfield has three other children of school age. She was granted a divorce under a Wisconsin law which leaves it to the discretion of the judge whether to give a divorce to an expectant mother. — United Press.

PROJECT TO DAM MEKONG RIVER

Washington, Jan. 26. The United States is considering recommendations for a major dam project on the Mekong River, in Southeast Asia, Mr. John Hollister, Director of the United States foreign aid programme, announced today.

Mr. Hollister said that the project, through irrigation and power facilities, would benefit Thailand, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

The Mekong River, which winds its way across Asia from China and Tibet, flows into the South China Sea near Saigon.

In Washington it has often been regarded as a strategic frontier between Communist and non-Communist Asia.—Reuter.

CUT TAXES CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

CAR MAGNATE'S TARGET

London, Jan. 26. The head of the luxury Daimler car concern, 68-year-old Sir Bernard Docker, today launched a one-man "cut taxes" campaign. His immediate target: "A one per cent cut in Britain's next budget, which is only a few weeks away."

Sir Bernard, managing director of the £15 million Birmingham Small Arms Company (BSA), told newsmen that "the first big cut" in government spending he sees is to wipe out four "ministries which have outlived their usefulness."

Sir Bernard and his blonde socialite wife, Norah, then stepped into the glare of photographers' flashbulbs and signed the first petition form. It demanded that "immediate steps shall be taken to reduce central government spending by a minimum of one per cent per annum."

He said that the petition form would be presented to Parliament.

"SKIMMED MILK"

Sir Bernard said his own spending seemed to interest some people. "What I have to spend is only the skimmed milk," he added.

"Tax collectors are gluttons for cream."

Sir Bernard declared: "It's up to every ordinary man and woman to see that this growing squandering of hard-earned pennies" be added.

He told a questioner that he had no link with the French anti-tax leader, M. Pierre Poujade. "But we have one thing in common—if he is correctly reported he does not want to go into the administration; I don't want to either."

Sir Bernard told reporters later: "I cannot see any similarity between conditions here and in France. As I understand it, everyone in France is rich except the Government. Here the Government is rich and everyone else is poor. But I would certainly meet M. Poujade if that were suggested." — China Mail-Special.

Must Call A Halt Somewhere

Pittsburgh, Jan. 26. A pretty American model engaged by the Pittsburgh Art Institute to pose in the nude to art students was dismissed today for refusing to take her shoes off.

The girl was quite willing to remove the rest of her clothes, but when asked to discard her footwear replied firmly: "There is a limit." — French Press.

California Deluge

7 Inches Of Rain In 24 Hours

Los Angeles, Jan. 26. The worst storm in more than 20 years lashed Southern California today, bringing seven inches of rain in a little more than 24 hours and resulting in floods that forced more than 700 persons to evacuate their homes.

As dark came, almost all activities came to a halt. Factories, businesses and shops shut early in order to permit employees to get home before dark because of flooded streets and roads.

Southern California had its storm after the Central and Northern areas of the State had been plagued with heavy rains since the Christmas season.

Although the heavy rains since early Wednesday morning left streets deep in water in Los Angeles, the storm caused most damage and discomfort in outlying areas.

Major aircraft plants, including North American Aviation, the Douglas aircraft plant at Long Beach and both the General Motors and Chrysler Assembly plants sent their workers home early. The aircraft firms said they would issue a public announcement on when they were to return.—United Press.

Pay Demand Met

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 27. The Federation of Malaya government announced today it was giving two to five pounds sterling increase in basic monthly pay to government clerks.

The Clerical Services Union members had threatened to strike if they were not given increases.

The police, railways, telecommunications and post office are affected.—Reuter.

Maddened Bull Runs Amok

Penang, Jan. 26. A maddened white bull that today ran amok, while drawing a silver chariot to an Indian temple injured 10 people, four of them seriously.

Devotees gathering for the Thaipusam festival were stampeded when the bull ran amok. The chariot, valued at £25,000, carried the Hindu deity Sri Subramanian. A police radio patrol stopped the bull three miles away.—China Mail Special.

Strike Begins To Affect The Whole Of Australia

Sydney, Jan. 26. Australia's nationwide waterfront strike began to show its effects in nearly every community today as the union-management deadlock lasted through its fourth day with little sign of compromise by either side.

Layoffs continued in industries associated with waterfront operations. But railways, airlines and trucking companies reported greatly increased business as shippers resorted to other means of transportation to move their goods.

Coal shipments, usually carried on coastal vessels, jumped more than 5,000 tons on the Newcastle-Victorian railway, and steel shipments on railways also showed an increase.

Intrastate shippers said the crews of their passenger ships would be dismissed shortly if the strike continued. They said they definitely would not sail with passengers and no freight.

CREWS DISMISSED

Owners of 14 interstate ships tied up at the Sydney docks dismissed their crews yesterday.

Some 82,000 bales of wool were stranded at dockside last night when five overseas vessels sailed from Australian ports only partially loaded. Considerable general cargo also was left in ports.

The Australian Council of World Churches cabled to Christians of all denominations to pray privately and publicly for an end to the strike based on a "just solution."

Representatives of the striking dockworkers and the overseas shipping representatives association met this afternoon. Industrial sources said the conference did not spark an agreement, but sources close to both said the prospect of waterfront peace seemed "somewhat brighter."

A spokesman for the shippers said he had urged the union negotiators to return to the conference table and continue the discussion on outstanding differences.—United Press.

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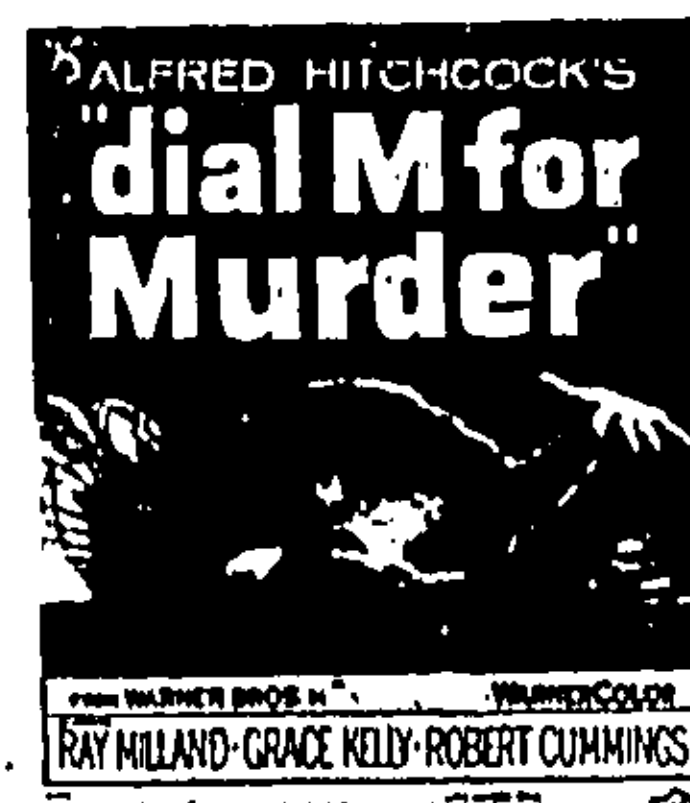


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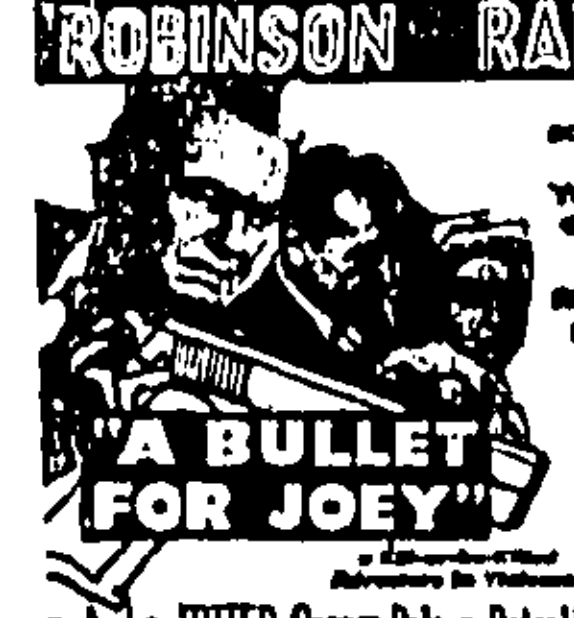
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Abbe Lane in Italian Film



Abbe Lane, wife of US band leader Xavier Cugat, is pictured in a torrid moment from her new Italian film "Donatella." Abbe is the latest in a long line of US actresses to exchange the bright lights of Hollywood's studios for those of Rome. — Express Photo.

SHADES OF THE ZAIBATSU

'Competition' Is Dirty Word In Japan

Tokyo, Jan. 26.

The Japanese are quietly shelving many of the business reforms instituted by Gen. Douglas MacArthur during the Allied occupation.

"Back-to-the-good-old-days" sentiment and practical necessities have combined to turn Japanese trade and industry back toward prewar patterns.

By amendment of the anti-monopoly law, by legislative exemptions, and by independent government policy decisions, the "MacArthur" anti-monopoly law of 1947 is being radically rewritten.

Few foreign or Japanese economists yet go so far as to predict Japan is going all the way back to the Zaibatsu-government partnership of earlier years.

But big business is making a comeback with government help, and some observers fear the end result will be a stifling of competition and the spirit of free enterprise.

Ease Controls

The reaction against the occupation reform swept in as soon as Japan became independent in 1952. Today, some extremists are demanding that the anti-monopoly law be scrapped entirely.

In the past three years, Japan has taken the following steps to ease monopoly controls:

1. Amended the ban on cartels to permit price-fixing and marketing agreements in the chemical, fertilizer, coal, marine transportation, insurance and other industries.
2. Authorized through government-drafted legislation exemption of government-approved industries from the effects of the anti-monopoly law. Export associations have been revived, and price-fixing and material allocation arrangements have been set up for imports of copper and iron scrap, among others.
3. Amended the export-imports transactions law to permit manufacturers and traders to form trading cartels if there is no objection by the Trade Ministry. There seldom is any objection.

Cotton Cut Back

4. Abridged the power of the Fair Trade Commission, watchdog organ of the anti-monopoly law, to the point that its end is predicted. Under one amendment, the Trade Ministry no longer needs to get the "agreement" of the FTC but needs only to "consult" the agency on export controls.

By strict interpretation, the above " easing " back production

of cotton yarn also falls into the category of measures infringing the spirit of the original anti-monopoly reforms, though not under FTC jurisdiction.

Many of these measures were taken out of practical necessity in the interests of the domestic Japanese economy or preserving a sound trading reputation overseas.

Only Rich Country

Japan found that the occupation-sponsored democratization of industry encouraged cut-throat, irresponsible competition and "dumping." The government stepped in to restore order.

"Competition" is a dirty word in Japan, and free capitalism is still considered a luxury which only rich America can afford. — United Press.

Colombo Plan Experts For India

London, Jan. 26.

TWO British experts left London to visit India, under arrangements made through the technical co-operation scheme of the Colombo Plan, the Treasury stated tonight.

One was Sir Claude Inglis, director of the hydraulics research station of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research at Wallingford, Berkshire.

He will advise on flood control measures on the River Brahmaputra and in North Bihar.

Sir Claude, who was with the Indian service of engineers for many years, will prepare a report for the Indian Central Water and Power Commission.

The second expert was Mr. John N. Axten, a research engineer of the National Research Development Corporation. He will spend six months in India demonstrating a new type of Ricardo steam engine.

London, Jan. 26.
Omar Sakka, Saudi Arabian Charge d'Affaires, said today his government was willing to establish full and friendly relations with Great Britain but not at the cost of relinquishing Buraimi, which he said is Saudi territory.

Asked to comment on a statement attributed to the Foreign Office that Buraimi should not be an obstacle for restoring good relations, Sakka said:

"The question of Buraimi is of course vital. It is a part of Saudi Arabian territory which she will never relinquish. We will try by all possible means to restore this area, though we prefer a peaceful solution to the question."

Bribery Reports

Sakka added that when Saudi Arabia agreed to refer the Buraimi dispute to arbitration, it was not because she had any doubts about her own sovereignty over the area, but because she wished to "make every effort to maintain peace in this area."

Asked to comment on London press and radio reports that the British government had "proof" of Saudi Arabian bribery in Buraimi, Sakka said:

"The British government is trying to cover up its aggression in Buraimi by false and misleading statements. In these circumstances, there is no need to publish the documents which the Saudi Arabian government has on Britain's aggression and violation of the arbitration agreements."

Referring in detail to recent incidents, Sakka added:

Mislead Public

"The events in which British forces killed Buraimi inhabitants, armed her supporters there before the occupation and others acts of her officials were all reported to the British government at the time."

"In the face of their most recent aggression on Buraimi which again violated the arbitration agreements, such stories appearing in the British press can only be intended to mislead the public." — United Press.

Outlaws Raid Border Area

Kampala, Jan. 26.

Roadblocks were established by police today while mobile patrols searched the jungle country along the Uganda-Kenya border for a band of armed outlaws which has been raiding Asian shops and cotton stores.

The police said they believe remnants of the Mau Mau gangs may be hiding in the jungle in this area.

Yesterday, a gang of ten armed with pistols wrecked a cotton store, beat the Asian occupants and escaped in a truck with the cash box. — United Press.

DR JONAS SALK DECORATED



Washington, Jan. 26.
Dr. Jonas Salk, inventor of the Salk anti-polio vaccine, was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal at a brief ceremony held here today.

The Salk vaccine caused a storm of controversy last year when several children contracted polio after being inoculated with vaccine supplied by a laboratory in California.

Preparation of the vaccine has since been subjected to more careful supervision. — France-Press.

Dutch-Indonesian Statements Conflicting

The Hague, Jan. 26.

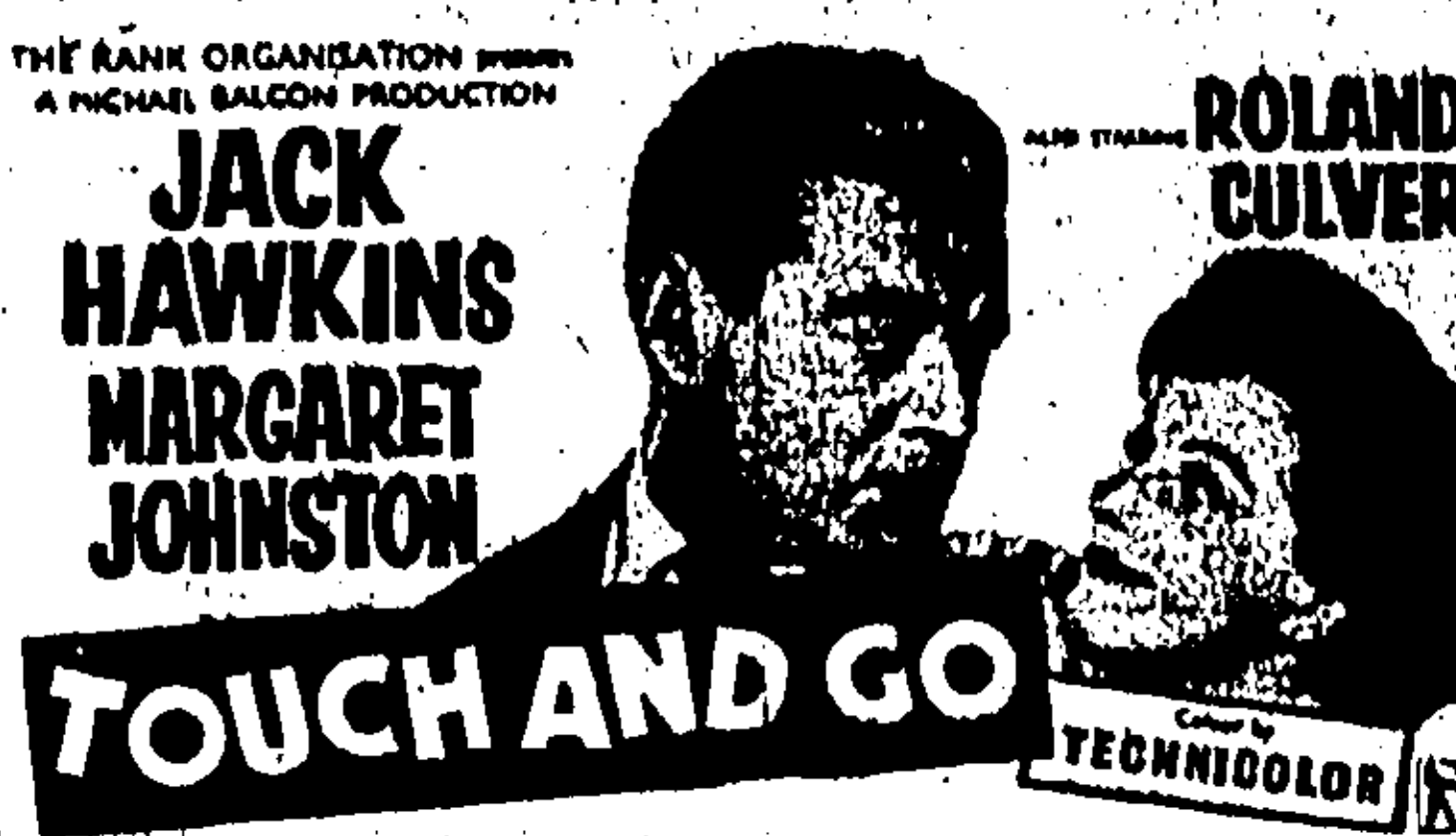
Talks between the Netherlands and Indonesia on an improvement in relations between the two countries, which have been going on in The Hague and Geneva since December 10 continued today.

Conflicting statements in Jakarta and The Hague about the stage reached in the talks are now the subject of contention between the two countries, observers here pointed out.

The Indonesians maintain that sufficient agreement has been reached for documents to be initiated, while the Dutch insist there are a number of points on which agreement still has to be reached. — Reuter.

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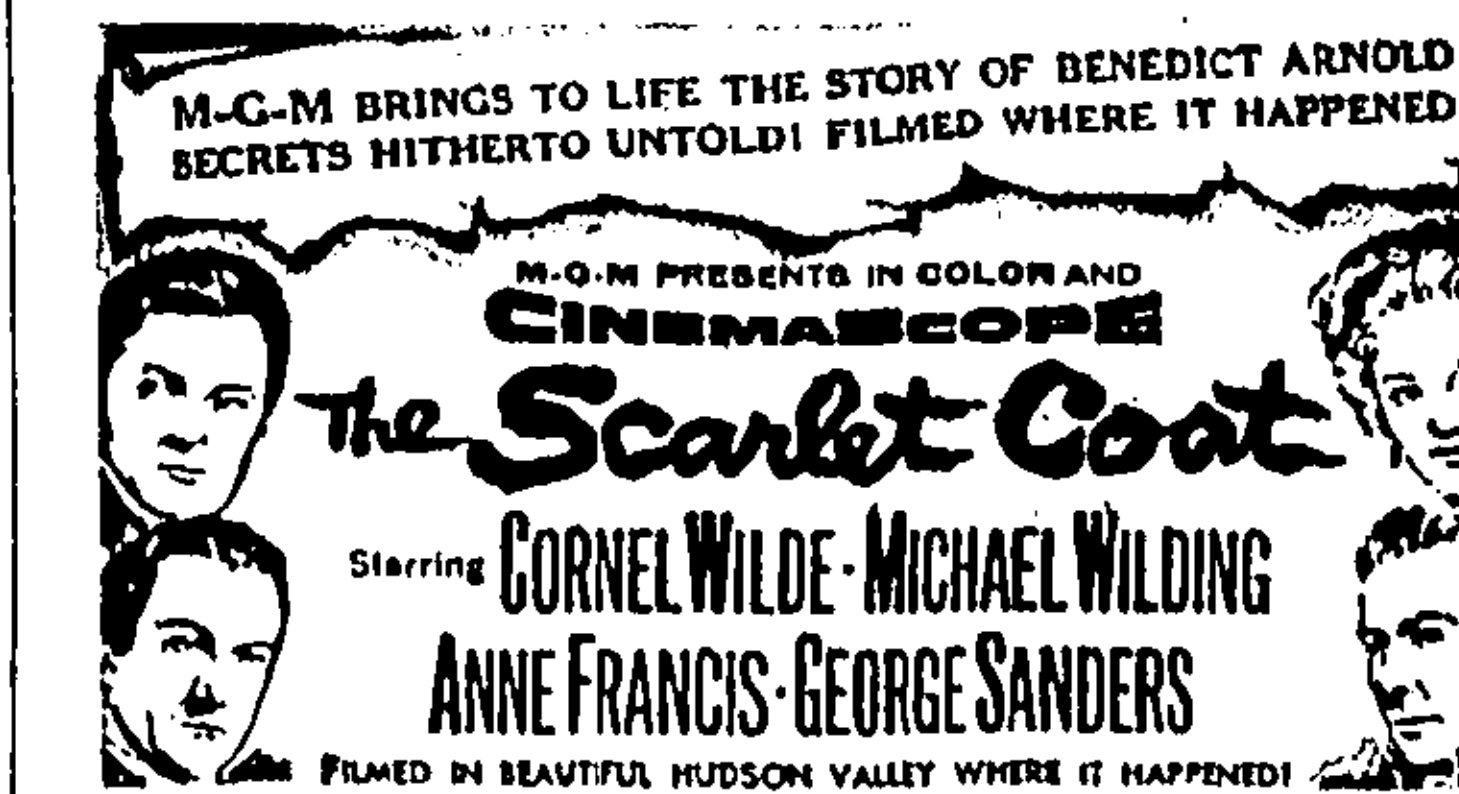
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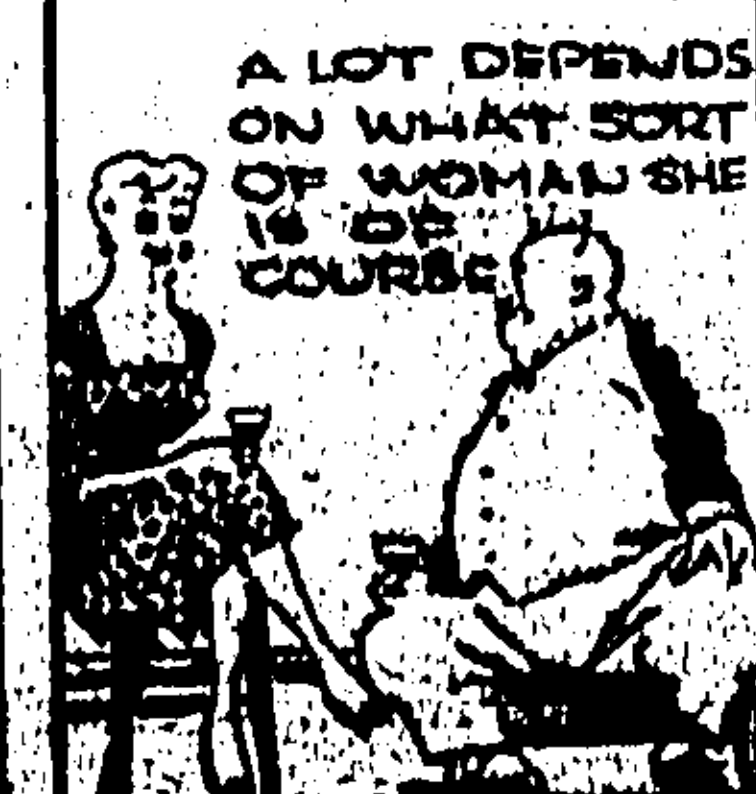
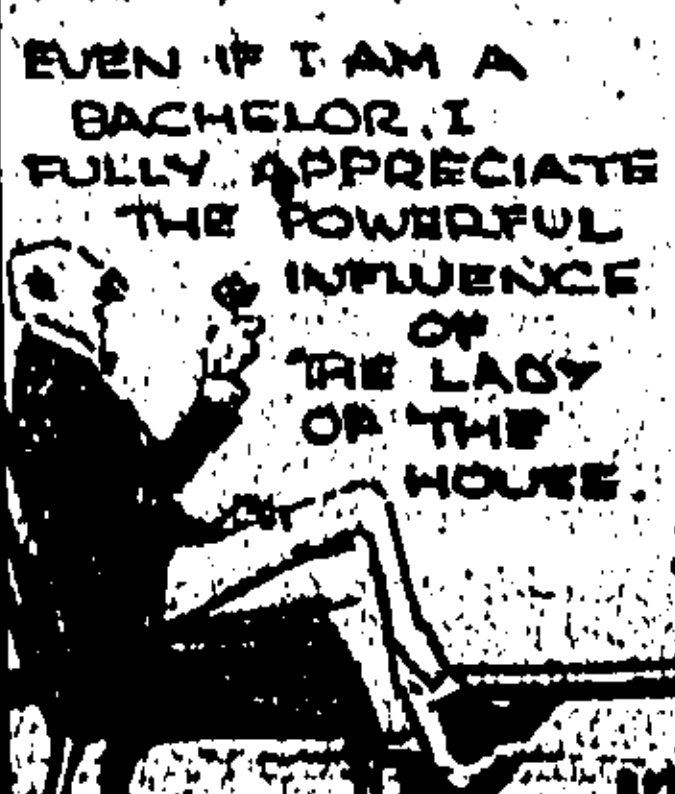
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Washington, Jan. 26.

The United States is ready to give up its extra-territorial rights in Morocco, as soon as conditions are suitable, the State Department stated today in a communique.

The communique pointed out that the United States has had peace and friendship treaties with Morocco since 1787, and that the extra-territorial rights came from these treaties.

Following the progress achieved in Franco-Moroccan relations, the communique went on, the United States considered that the modernization of its own relations with Morocco, as far as its extra-territorial rights were concerned, was the only way to a full-in with the changed conditions.

Bring Into Line

The United States government has decided to present a bill to this effect to Congress. The decision was made, informed American circles stated, on Moroccan initiative.

The United States government's decision will bring into line with the policy of other countries concerned in Morocco, particularly France and Spain, American sources said.

This decision will have no effect on the legal status of American personnel at the US bases in Morocco.

Congress is generally expected to adopt a bill during the present session. This would authorize President Eisenhower to decide when to renounce these rights.

Later Expanded

The US decision was not the result of negotiations, but was a unilateral decision, competent American circles said.

"It is the policy of the United States government to relinquish its extra-territorial jurisdiction in Morocco at the appropriate time. The Department intends to request Congressional action to this end."

"These extra-territorial rights were accorded to us in the treaty of peace and friendship, first concluded with Morocco in 1787 and renewed in 1836. These rights were subsequently expanded through the effect of other international agreements concluded by Morocco."

"The United States government, pleading before the International Court of Justice in 1952, in the case concerning US Treaty rights in Morocco, made clear that it had always

PAKISTAN SECESSION TALK IS TREASON

Karachi, Jan. 26.

THE Governor-General of Pakistan, Major-General Iskander Mirza, said today that talk of secession of East and West Pakistan was high treason and warned of "most ruthless" government action against treasonable activities.

Addressing about 100,000 people at a public meeting in (Kishoreganj) in East Pakistan, he said: "We must go forward with our constitution-making and have a constitution and general elections as early as possible."

A draft constitution making Pakistan an Islamic republic is now before the Constituent Assembly. The Governor-General said the making of a constitution was a job for which he and the Cabinet came into being and added:

Irresponsibility

"No subversive activity will be tolerated. To talk of secession (of East and West Pakistan) is high treason and shows a degree of irresponsibility which can only be explained by the fact that it is the result of false loyalty to another country."

He said the government would be justified in "taking most ruthless action and liquidating" individuals and organizations indulging in treasonable activities.

The leader of the Awami League, Moulana Abdul Hamid Bhashani, said in a speech some time ago that if his party's demands were not accepted it might result in the two wings of Pakistan falling apart and seceding from each other.

The League—a Moslem party opposing the Moslem League—was one of the main constituents of the United Front which won the East Pakistan elections in 1954.—Reuter.

BRINKS HOLDUP

'Specs' O'Keefe's Sanity Challenged

Boston, Jan. 26.

A Superior Court hearing was ordered today on a petition questioning the sanity of Joseph "Specs" O'Keefe.

The petition was filed late yesterday by Henry Baker, 49, one of the men O'Keefe accused of taking part in the \$1,219,000 robbery.

Through his attorney, Henry Sontag, Baker asked a mental examination for the bawling O'Keefe who he characterized as a "boozing ball addict, a chronic liar, a distorter of facts, and for a long period of time has had a marked tendency to exhibit himself in the nude."

Baker, in making the plea, said he is now suffering "irreparable injury" because of O'Keefe's "mental incompetency."

Out Of Contact

O'Keefe, whose detailed confession has allegedly broken the six-year-old Brinks case, is presently held at the Middlesex County Jail and has no contact with the other accused men now in custody.

Baker's motion also charged that O'Keefe had "made attempts to take his own life" and that for a long time has been "living in tension, insecurity and fear."

Earlier yesterday O'Keefe again conferred with investigators who are still piecing together the facts of the nation's greatest holdup.—United Press.

SOFT DRINK TOAST FOR MOLOTOV

Prague, Jan. 26.

Mr V. M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, and Marshal G. K. Zhukov, Soviet Defence Minister, drank informal toasts in orange juice and tomato juice here tonight to the prosperity of the Indian Government and people.

They were guests at the reception given by the Indian Minister, Mr. Jagan Nath Khosla, to mark the sixth anniversary of India's Republic Day.

There were no alcoholic drinks in keeping with India's aim towards total prohibition.

Warsaw Treaty

Mr. Molotov and Marshal Zhukov, here for a meeting tomorrow of the eight-nation Warsaw Treaty Political Consultative Committee, mingled freely and chatted with other Eastern and Western diplomats. Mr. Molotov, the Chinese General Staff, who will be his country's observer at tomorrow's meetings, and the Czechoslovak Prime Minister, Mr. William Slovák, were also among the guests.—Reuter.

Britain Produces Anti-Polio Vaccine



A British anti-polio vaccine has been produced for the first time and about 500,000 children are expected to be vaccinated with it by the end of June. The new vaccine is a modification of the Salk vaccine used in the USA and Canada last year and has been developed by scientists working for Glaxo and Burroughs Wellcome. The scheme to inoculate children is voluntary and no child will be treated without the written authority of parents or guardians. Picture shows a scene in the Glaxo laboratories as an operative transfers "pools" of single-strain vaccine to the stainless steel tanks for "mixing" the final vaccine. Three distinct strains of killed polio virus are used in preparation of the vaccine.—Express Photo.

China Urges Normal Relations With Japs

Geneva, Jan. 26.

CHINA has urged Japan to set up normal diplomatic relations with her to speed up the repatriation of Japanese war prisoners who are held in China, a high-ranking Japanese representative said in an interview with AFP today.

The representative, Mr. Kichiji Tatsuoka, Japan's chief delegate to the China-Japan war prisoner negotiations here, said the Chinese delegates made it clear that they want Japan to accord an official Japanese representative in Peking.

The Chinese delegates also suggested that talks should be held, aimed at resuming normal China-Japan trade relations. Mr. Tatsuoka said. He said the war prisoner negotiations are deadlocked at present, but both delegations had agreed that some 6,000 Japanese are held in China besides some 1,000 ex-soldiers who are classed as war criminals.

Reported Missing

Mr. Tatsuoka said his delegation has requested information about some 40,000 Japanese, who were reported missing by the Chinese authorities.

The Red Cross is also interested in these missing persons and in accusations made against the alleged war criminals, Mr. Tatsuoka said.

Mr. Tatsuoka said the delegates have held five meetings since the prisoner talks opened last July. He said the meetings were conducted in English in an atmosphere of "extreme courtesy."

The future of the talks hinges on the China-United States talks here, the Soviet-Japan talks in London and the general international situation, Mr. Tatsuoka said.—France-Press.

No Surrender To Communists Says The Tengku

London, Jan. 26.

Tengku Abdul Rahman, Malaya's Chief Minister, said today he would never compromise with the Communists but would insist on their unconditional surrender.

In an exclusive interview, the Tengku was asked to comment on reports from Malaya that the Communists had distributed leaflets saying they would be "prepared to negotiate" whenever A. Rahman could get rid of the BCG (British Colonial Government).

"There is no question of compromise with the Communists in Malaya. They must lay down their arms and surrender unconditionally. Whether we are British colonialists or not, I am not prepared to negotiate with them," the Tengku said.

Even if the Communists had proposed negotiations, the Chief Minister said he was not going to talk of anything but surrender.

Does Not Arise

"The question of if or when or where does not arise. Even if they want to negotiate I am not prepared to talk with them unless they surrender," he said.

The Tengku made these comments as he emerged from today's plenary session of the Malayan constitutional conference at Luncheon House.

He would not elaborate on the progress of the conference which has been going on since January 13 except to say that it was "making good headway."

The plenary session of the conference, which met today, heard the report of the three committees.

Informed sources said that almost all the decisions made by the committees "so far" have been accepted after some mild or little modifications.

The committees have completed about one-third of the agenda.

The conference sources were confident that the talks will be completed by February 9, as scheduled.

Consider Changes

Later today, the conference was understood to have agreed to a general purpose committee to consider formation of a constitutional committee and to consider any interim changes needed in the present constitution pending such a constitutional committee's recommendations.—United Press.

Plea By Malayan Policemen

Singapore, Jan. 27.

Three thousand Malayan rank and file in the Singapore police force today asked that the top seven British officers in the force stay on as their leaders. They asked too that all European officers in the force with 15 years' local service be retained until they retired.

The Malayan policemen expressed their views in a memorandum prepared by their own nine-man committee.

It will be put before the Malayanisation Commission, which has to recommend what government jobs ought now to go from British to local hands.—Reuter.

Pay Increases In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 27.

The Federation Government announced today it was giving two to five pounds sterling increases in basic monthly pay to government clerks.

The Clerical Services Union members had threatened to strike if they were not given increases.

The police, railways, telecommunications and post office are affected.—Reuter.

Will Warren Run For Presidency?

Washington, Jan. 26.

Chief Justice Earl Warren, the man who insists he won't run for President, was the centre of political speculation again today.

Mr Warren's name has continually come up as one of the top possible candidates to head the Republican ticket if President Eisenhower decides against running. And Mr Warren has continually insisted he would not run.

But many Republicans have believed that the Chief Justice could not resist a draft if the principal draftsman were Mr Eisenhower.

Mr Eisenhower obliquely told newsmen yesterday how he felt about the possibility of Mr Warren running for President.

Too Great

He recalled that he retired from the Army when he entered politics in 1952. And he added:

"We shouldn't get too great a confusion between politics and the Supreme Court."

Many said the President's comment meant he would favour Mr Warren's candidacy. Many said it meant just the opposite.

Other political developments:

★ 1. Sen. Estes Kefauver became the first Democrat formally to enter New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation Presidential primary. As his name was filed, the Tennessee Senator pressed his attacks on the Eisenhower Administration in a speech-making swing through Wisconsin. He charged the Administration with "playing politics with peace."

★ 2. Heart specialist Paul Dudley White planned to spend the first half of February trying to get an electrocardiogram of a whole lot of the California coast. But he said he will keep in close touch with the White House in case the President wants his next physical examination earlier than scheduled. The President's second-term plans are expected to hinge on the results of the examination by Dr. White and other physicians about mid-February.

Disappointing

★ 3. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger said a second-term bid by Mr Eisenhower would make the President's health a campaign issue overshadowing all others. He said in a letter to his constituents, "There even exists the danger that pennywise politicians might try to have him propped up unwisely with drugs."

★ 4. Mr Adlai E. Stevenson called the President's second-term prospects "all at sea." The candidate for the Democratic Presidential nomination said the President's report was "disappointing" as a guide for future economic policies.—United Press.



Earl Warren

New Drug Aids Epileptic Patients

Chicago, Jan. 26.

Three Boston physicians said today a new drug completely controlled or reduced epileptic seizures in all 126 patients to whom it was administered.

The doctors, writing in the current issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, said the drug acetazolamide (Diamox) completely controlled epileptic seizures in 34 of the patients.

They said it caused a 90 to 99 per cent reduction in seizures in 12 other patients, a 50 to 90 per cent drop in 22, and a smaller drop in the remaining 50.—United Press.

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NO FILMS FOR GRACE

Hollywood, Jan. 26. Prince Rainier of Monaco said today Grace Kelly would give up her film career after they are married next April.

He also announced that the wedding would take place in Monaco, ending weeks of speculation on whether Monaco or the United States was the home town, would be the site of the wedding of the year.

He told a press conference in Hollywood that Miss Kelly—"Oscar" Award winner as the best actress of 1954—had agreed to give up film-making after the wedding.

She is at present working on a film, High Society, for Metro Goldwyn Mayer, with whom she still had a four-year contract.

Asked if he would approve of Miss Kelly making films in Europe, he replied: "I don't think so."

Prince Rainier said his future wife would have enough to do as Princess though she would not be involved in the administration of the tiny Mediterranean principality.—China Mail Special.

Possible To Link Russia And America—By Tunnel

Moscow, Jan. 26.

Mr Lazar Kaganovich, Soviet First Deputy Premier, and the Communist Party's industrial expert, suggested tonight that an underwater tunnel connecting Soviet Siberia and American Alaska was "technically possible."

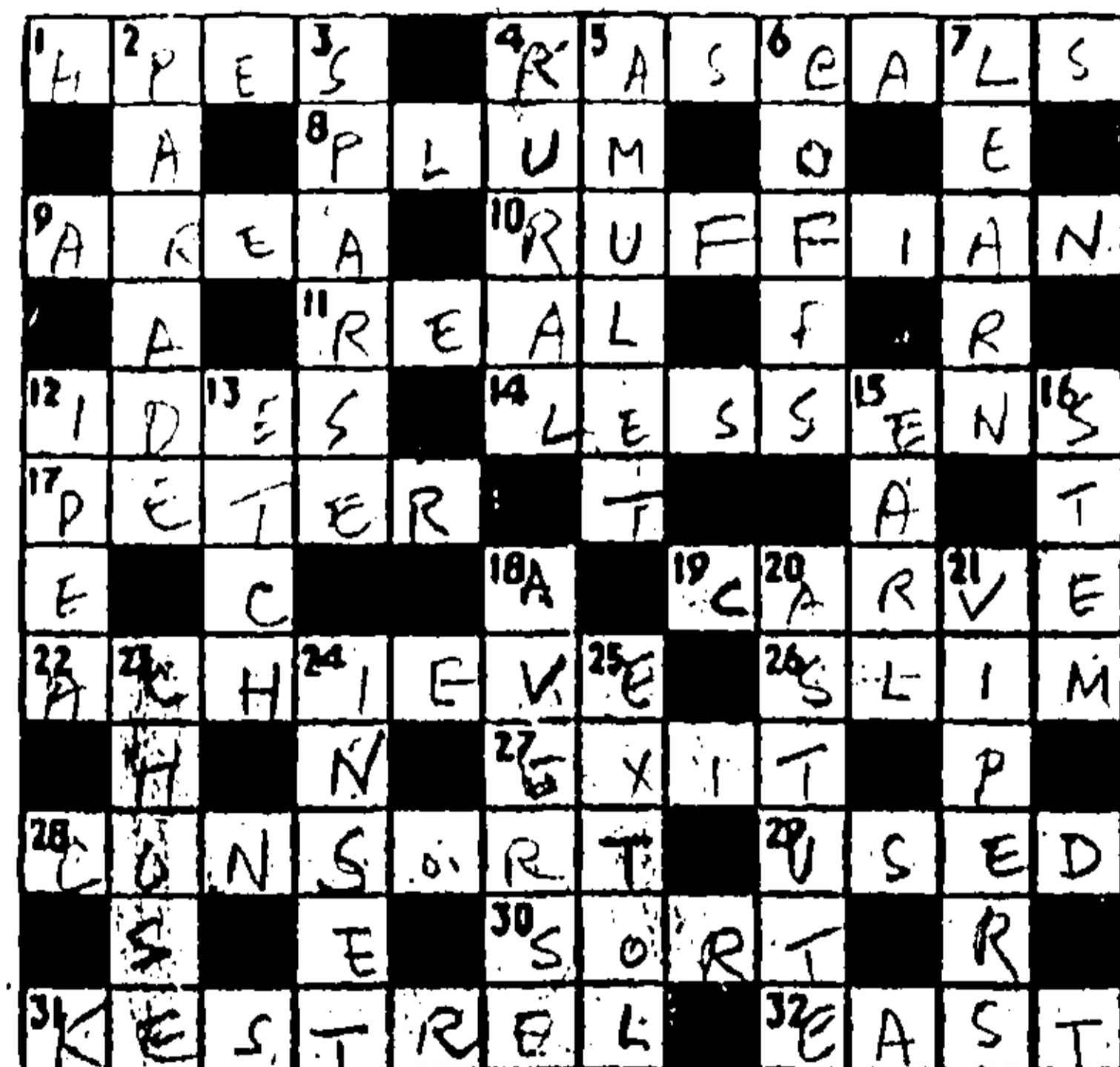
Speaking to Western reporters about various construction projects, he said that even a scheme calling for a tunnel under the 55-mile Bering Straits was possible.

But he did not suggest that such a plan was actually under consideration.

Asked by a correspondent if such a plan would have to wait until the United States became Communist, Mr Kaganovich replied: "It can be done in the present circumstances. Co-existence is something which will last for a long time."

He was speaking at an Indian Embassy reception here.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Monkeys (4).
 - Rogues (7).
 - Extinct (4).
 - Brute (7).
 - Actual (4).
 - Certain dates (4).
 - Diminishes (7).
 - Hinder (6).
 - Knew (6).
 - Allain (7).
 - Blender (4).
 - Wey out (4).
 - Husband or wife (7).
 - Accustomed (4).
 - Species (4).
 - Kind of prey (7).
 - Compass point (4).
- DOWN**
- Display (6).
 - Scenty (6).
 - Rusky (6).
 - Lucky charm (6).
 - Blows (6).
 - Acquiro knowledge (6).
 - Notion (4).
 - Es-gravo (4).
 - Nobleman (4).
 - Stale (4).
 - Disinclined (6).
 - Shrewd (6).
 - Snakes (6).
 - Selected (6).
 - Insertion (6).
 - Praise (6).
- YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.**—Across: 1. Retire, 2. Smite, 3. Elaps, 4. Deride, 5. Edict, 6. Scull, 7. Laid, 8. Taste, 9. Desert, 10. Larder, 11. Theme, 12. Pall, 13. Fares, 14. Tired, 15. Ripped, 16. Tefer, 17. Stated, 18. Defiant, 19. Redolent, 20. Terrible, 21. Rada, 22. Elected, 23. Speller, 24. Measur, 25. Tact, 26. Strangle, 27. Exploded, 28. Dreaded, 29. Severed, 30. Amper, 31. Hated, 32. Sire.

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To the chief dick
bristol police force.

Lissen ter me copper.

if you want me and the boys ter come dahn ter bristol and do yer yer
want ter come another load of stuff in the national press like the load
you came yesterday about some of your coppers behaving like teddyboys.
whooas me on the boys' rage no objection to coppers getting lit at
coppers consents we are standing for chief coppers telling them they
as a matter of fact we are all for coppers getting lit at coppers
consents all day long as it keeps them off the streets where
they are a nuisance to everyone especially us.
as for your complaint that some of your coppers made a lot of
noise while your consent was on we don't think that matters very much
as I lay down ter me it wasn't no be bop they was playing
a copper's consent.
we taken your remarks was a attack on human
rights so I have writ to me mp about chief
coppers who insult us by calling these coppers
teddyboys and told him hes going ter get
parliament.
So watch yer tabs in future copper
because theres more teddyboys than coppers
these days.

yours truly,
edward.

P.S. Sometimes we run across a teddyboy who aint
behaving quite up to our standards so we call
him copper and once we call a guy copper
thats his lot.

London Express Service

A SIMPLE GUIDE TO AMERICAN POLITICS

By Alexander Broad

IT'S a tough world for
the Democrats.
During the past
century and a half
the U.S. Congress and the
48 state legislatures have
passed enough laws to fill
several libraries — but
nobody, alas, has found a
way to make political rob-
bery illegal.

Ideas and platforms may still
be stolen freely and without
recompense by any politician from
Maine to California.

At the moment, the Demo-
crats are being raided almost
daily.

The Democrats roared off to
a fighting start in the U.S.
Presidential election with a
plan to protect farmers from
everything from falling prices
to invasions by Japanese
beetles. The Republicans have
taken most of it over — and
capped it with an impressive
plan to pay farmers for not
doing anything at all.

MORE AID

THE Democrats proposed a
constitution revolution by
pledging themselves to come to
the aid of the country's sagging
school system. The Republicans
have just capped that, too.

The Democrats pleaded for
more foreign aid. Eisenhower
has proposed more still.

The Democrats proposed a
better tax deal. The Republicans

are reported on high authority
to be planning major tax cuts
which will be announced next
June. Just when the Presi-
dential campaign is at its
peak.

The Democrats announce that
they are for peace, and the Re-
publicans insist that they are
more peaceful than anybody on
earth. The Democrats want
powerful armed forces; the Re-
publicans assure the voter that
they can deliver "massive
retaliation" any place and any
time, with no notice at all.

Of course, all this must be
taken with a grain of salt. Both
parties are prepared to offer a
United States which will be a
cross between Elysium and
Goney Island with mud, cons.
to satisfy the tastes of every
customer.

That is the essence of the
American political game. Neither
party has any firm ideological
conviction. Once the Republi-
cans were the party of "pro-
gress," the Democrats the party
of "reaction." Since Roosevelt,
the labels have been switched.

Each party simply tries to
find out what the voters want
most — and offers it. Sometimes
the finished campaign platform
looks a little silly. But no
matter. The voters are used to it.

Neither party can, in the
nature of things, offer a con-
sistent programme.

The Democrats draw their
support from organised labour,
from the farmers, and from
people of all kinds and classes
in the deep South. Organised
labour tends toward the left of
the political spectrum. Farmers
tend to be conservative — except
when it comes to agricultural
policy. The deep South has al-
ways belonged to the far right.
The Republican party is a
mixture of businessmen, big and
little. But big business and
little business have different
ideas. It is also the party of the
conservative, isolationist mid-
West and the party of the
liberal, internationalist eastern
seaboard. Somehow, a com-
promise has to be found.

REAL BATTLES

THE real battles are fought
to reconcile opposing forces
within each party.

Beyond that, of course, there
are the high level fireworks
which keep the voters from go-
ing to sleep while the
politicians get things organised.

One such display of political
pyrotechnics is the current feud
over John Foster Dulles.

A Russian Roulette — a "game" in
which one bullet is slipped into the
chamber of a revolver, the chamber
spun, and the gun then pointed at
the head of the "player" who pulls
the trigger.

Stevenson has accused Dulles
of playing "Russian roulette" —
with the American nation. The
phrase is neat. It will be re-
membered.

Dulles has come all out in
favour of a bold, brave, crusad-
ing foreign policy. His words
make rousing reading. What-
ever else happens, the public
will remember Dulles as a
bold, brave crusader.

But the significance of the
feud must not be overrated.

Stevenson may favour diplo-
macy of a gentler sort, while
Dulles enjoys his role as
"battling John."

Yet the Democrats have re-
cently been in favour of in-
creased military spending, while
the Republicans have been in
favour of cutting down. Eisen-
hower seems to have reconciled
everybody for the moment,
with a "business as usual"
policy.

Stevenson's party has wanted
more force, while Dulles's has
wanted less.

The Republicans settled for
a peace in Korea which the
Democrats could have had long
before. They could have had it
if Truman had been prepared to
stop on the 38th Parallel.

In the end, the Republicans
have been as much in favour
of "containing" Chiang Kai-

shek as the Democrats, and
they are now far more inclined
to make friends with Com-
munist China than the Demo-
crats ever were.

John Foster Dulles has cer-
tainly frightened the world
more than once. But he has,
after all, started no wars and
he has been as peaceful in his
deeds — if not in his words —
as any Secretary of State is
ever likely to be.

COMMON GOALS

THERE is a real dispute over
the proper approach to for-
eign affairs and over the proper
means by which to achieve
common goals.

No doubt Stevenson, if he is
elected, will see to it that
foreign affairs are conducted in
a softer voice. No doubt he will
win more friends. He may even
influence more people.

But there will be voices in
his party urging him to em-
ploy another Foster Dulles, just
as there are voices in the Re-
publican party urging Eisen-
hower to get rid of Foster
Dulles.

The fireworks and the funda-
mental issues cannot always be
related.

BATTLE OF WITS FOR EX-NAZIS' FORTUNES

From
Colin Lawson

Berlin
HIGH ranking ex-Nazis
have been smuggling
millions of marks to West
Germany from East Berlin
bank accounts to escape
paying restitution to
Hitler's victims.

This came to light when
West Berlin denazification
officials checked on property
belonging to Grand Admiral
Doenitz, the major war
criminal due to be freed
from Spandau Gaol in Octo-
ber.

They found most of his
cash had secretly been
transferred. So, too, had
huge sums of money owned
by Guenter D'Alquen, editor
of the SS anti-Jewish paper
Schwarze Corps, and by
Heinrich Hoffmann, Hitler's
photographer.

CASES HELD UP

THE Berlin denazification
court, an all-German
affair, is the only one left
in Germany.

Its boss, Dr Alwyn
Hardtke, complains that he
has been unable to start
proceedings against the
major war criminals in
Spandau because the Allies
will not pass on the neces-
sary documents.

And cases against high
Nazis now living in the
West have been held up be-
cause of the muddled legal
situation. West Germany
is sovereign, and Berlin is
occupied. Many West Ger-
man laws do not apply to
Berlin.

Now the court has decided to
issue a writ of attachment up to
100,000 marks (£2,000) on
Doenitz's property in West Ger-
many. Similar writs will be
issued for accounts of other top
Nazis.

SENT ABROAD

SAID Dr Hardtke: "By these
means we hope to block all
future withdrawals in the West.
Any sentence we pass in the
future will include confiscation
of property both in West Ger-
many and Berlin."

But some experts believe the
Nazis have won the battle of
wits. They think the bulk of
the cash has gone to neutral
countries, including Switzerland
and Sweden.

Only enough has been left in
West Berlin and German
accounts for day-to-day needs,
and more cash is drawn from
the neutral banks as and when
required.

Proceedings are planned
against Hitler's Foreign Minister
von Neurath, and Grand Admiral
Rödder, who were released last
year from Spandau.

FIGHT TO SAVE 20 MILLION PEOPLE FROM EARLY DEATH

From ALAN MCGREGOR

Cairo. *
BILHARZIASIS, known
here as the scourge of
the country and responsible
for the early death of every
fifth peasant in the fertile
Nile valley, is being con-
quered.

The conquest of bilhar-
ziasis may, in fact, rank with
the conquest of yellow fever
and malaria in world
medical history, for at least
20 million people in tropical
countries suffer from the
debilitating disease.

Here, in the land of the
Nile, the bilharziasis rate is
estimated at anything up to
80 percent. Infection is
carried by tiny worms which
breed in the billion in-
filtration canals and ditches.

Working all day in the fields,
peasants stand ankle-deep in
the irrigation water — and the
worms burrow under the skin.
Often, the hard water is used
for cooking and washing. Once

inside the human body, the
worms attack the kidneys, sap
the victim's vitality, and enable
other ailments to kill off
Egyptians at the average age of
thirty.

Individual treatment is useless.
No sooner is a peasant cured and
discharged from hospital than he
is reinfected. The worms must
be killed in the water itself.

WAR ON SNAILS

This is being done. At pre-
sent, however, the attack is
being launched against a pea-
sized snail on which the worms
feed in their early stage. With-
out an ample snail supply they
die.

American scientists began
hunting for a way to kill the
snails eight years ago. In
Washington, they tested almost
3,000 chemicals, then took the
26 most promising to Texas
and Puerto Rico for field trials
where it was discovered that a
substance called sodium pen-
tathlorophosphate (used for con-

trolling wood termites and
paper-mill silico) gave the best
results.

Just over a year ago, a full-
scale test began in an area of
6,000 acres near Cairo. It has a
population of 45,000, and in
some villages every single ten-
year-old child was found to
have bilharziasis.

Steel baskets containing
3,200 lbs of sodium pentathloro-
phosphate (it costs two shillings
a pound) were lowered into the
area's main canal and left for
eight hours while the chemical
dissolved, forming a concentra-
tion of ten parts to one million
parts water.

Within 15 minutes, the snails
began dying. Their eggs also
died. The water ran on into the
ditches and so back into the
Nile. In all, the treated water
covered 114 miles of irrigation
channels — and the single ap-
plication exterminated all the
snails. Fish also died, but
people and livestock were
unaffected.

Since then other canals have
been treated, clearing snails

in which 220,000 people live.
This is not, in fact, that in a
few months the number of
child bilharziasis victims has
dropped by about one-fourth.
If the chemical were used for
five years on a country-wide
scale, bilharziasis would be
eliminated, say the doctors, and
the total cost would be under
£700,000. Subsequent dosages
would be required only to keep
the canals free of the snails.

EXCEEDED HOPES

Dr Willard Wright, tropical
diseases director of the United
States Public Health — the tests
are being conducted under the
U.S. foreign aid programme
and in conjunction with the
Egyptian Ministry of Public
Health — said here: "This thing
has exceeded our fondest hopes.
We usually expect results of
an experiment to be not quite
as good as hoped for and the
unexpected difficulties greater."

"In this case the results have
been far greater than anything
we could have dreamed of."
Since then other canals have
been treated, clearing snails

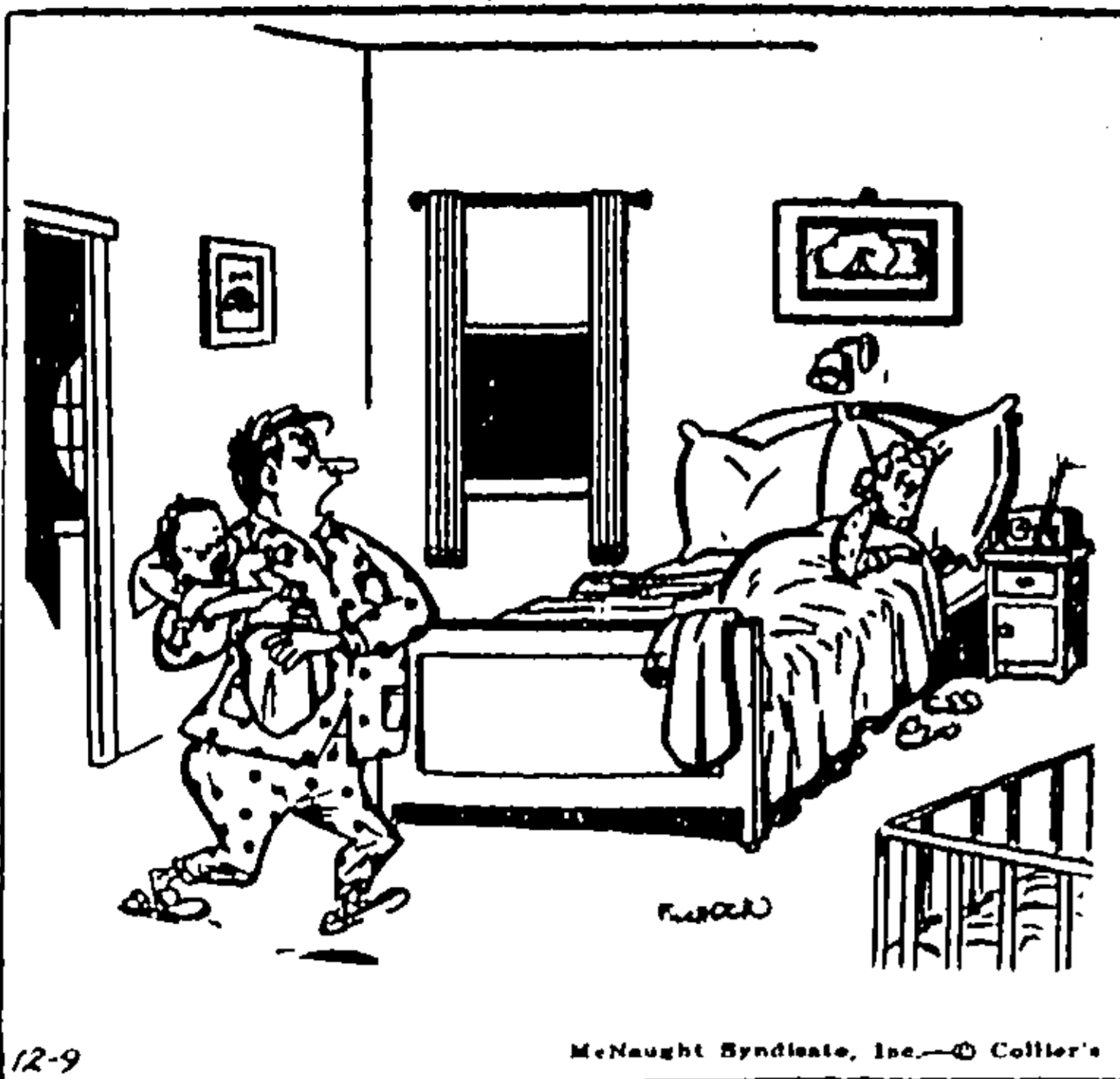
"Cornflakes
taste so much better with
brown sugar on, Mummy"



It makes all
the difference



This Funny World



Are you sure it's all right for her to be up this late?

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

COMMENTING on the desecration of the Rembrandt in the museum at Turin, a writer says: "Though it is only 10 1/2 in. by 1 1/2 in. it is estimated to be worth £30,000."

This reminds me of the Rotundus who told his wife to buy a picture. She paid some thousands of pounds for a very small Corot, and he said angrily: "We can surely afford something bigger than that!" Why pay for the rate of hundreds of pounds per inch, when you get yards and yards of modern painting for more cheaply?

Low life above stairs

"A" Did you hear that, Sir Edgar? I do so love the pop of a champagne cork. It is the music of a dinner table."

"Yes, but I'm afraid, Lady Catchment, the sound you heard was the bursting of my already overstrained brains."

25,000,000 warms

WHEN the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce received an order from American fishing boat firm for 25,000,000 earthworms, many questions arose: Who will collect them? Who will count them? Will Aberdeen organise a worm-

hunt, and fine those who have worms concealed on their premises? Or will the whole town turn out and crouch with ears to the ground? Or will they, like detectives in films, rely on thrushes to lead them to their victims? "Follow the thrush, Jack, and you'll find the worm." "There's one, Jamie! Pounce on him!" Must the worms be natives of Aberdeen? Must the Chamber reject a fellow who has wormed his way in from Kincardine, or Angus, or a settler from Banff, in search of peace and quiet?

Deflation

ANOTHER big firm has joined in the deflation campaign. Their advertisement says:—

If only our customers knew what weird and deleterious chemicals go into our tinned products they would save their money for the Island Revenue instead of waiting in our shops. From today our prices will go up by 95 percent in order to frighten off those who seem to be so reluctant to save their money. If there are still people imprudent enough to buy our abominable trash, perhaps this warning will frighten them off.

Mistiguett at the Bodleian

THE death of Mistiguett recalled to me the extraordinary fact revealed by the researches of Professor Timothy Shy that she was once an assistant at the Bodleian. I have only once seen this contradicted—by Professor E. D. Etheridge, who poo-pooes the idea in his "History of the Bodleian."

TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the right? In making each word, use only the letters in each of the small squares. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square. And there must be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No proper nouns, proper names, or proper nouns.

FAVORITE: 13 words, good, 30 words, very good, 40 words, excellent, 50 words, superb.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Court, crust, curator, cursor, cur, curst, outcast, rout, rust, scar, scar, scout, SCRUTATOR, scut, your, stout, stout, trout, trust, tutor.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

BORN today, you have a powerful personality and it is almost a necessity for you to be a leader in the world in which you live. You have a tremendous amount of ambition and want to reach your goal early in life. It is not so much the money you desire but the prestige, for it is that which gives you the satisfied feeling of accomplishment which is so necessary to your personal happiness.

You must be warned, however, that to keep on top of the heap in this highly competitive world, you must continue to produce. One "flash in the pan" of success is not enough.

Your emotions are very near the surface and you are not one who is happy living alone. Your family ties will be strong. For you

marriage and children of your own are a necessity for your contentment and happiness. Wed early, so that you can have your own family growing up as you go on through life. Find someone as demonstrative and as warm-hearted as you are.

Among those born on this date are: Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany; Charles E. Chickering, manufacturer; Eli Whitney, Black, inventor; Rosier Johnson, author; Mozart and Jerome Kern, composers; James Ward, psychologist; Olin Downes, critic; Abbas I of Persia.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

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CHARLESWORTH SAVES AGAIN



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ANNUAL RACE MEETING STARTS TOMORROW AT THE VALLEY

By "RAPIER"

The stage is all set for the Hongkong Jockey Club's Annual Race Meeting, which starts at 11.30 a.m. tomorrow. This is undoubtedly the outstanding sporting event of the year and all roads will lead to the Valley. The fine weather of the past few days has rendered the grass track fairly hard, and, if this can be maintained, we may confidently expect to witness keen racing.

The day's programme consists of 10 events, most interesting of which will be the three Sections of the Hopetown Stakes. These events will serve as an introduction of the new Australian subscription points to the public. Here are my estimates of the chances.

FIRST RACE

Western Handicap (Six Furlongs)

The current races with this sprint event for Class 8 ponies. In the Laytown Handicap, Second Day, from the 1 1/2 Mile Post at the last meeting Blondie (M. Samarcq), carrying 153 lbs., came in second to May Blossom. It would therefore appear that, although given top weight of 159 lbs., Blondie has the best recommendation for a win if a good position is drawn.

Vendetta, under W.R. Holman, ran unplaced in the above race and should give a good account of itself over this distance with K. Kwok up tomorrow if it does not actually win. There are other ponies, however, to be reckoned with, especially Mourne (P. Plumby) and Many Returns (C. L. Liu), both of which are quite capable of causing an upset, while there is also Blazing (A. Ostroumoff) to be considered.

SECOND RACE

Hopetown Stakes (First Section) One Mile

In this race for the first lot of the new Australian subs. I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating that the ponies to watch are The Cherub (M. Samarcq), Billy Boy (I. K. Hung), Adonis (P. Y. T. Wei) and Lombard (W. R. Holman). The Cherub is my choice and I think it should win, but Billy Boy is not to be ignored as this pony is quite dependable over this distance.

Kung Hei Fat Choy!

The KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB'S

annual Chinese New Year's Eve Dance will be held in the clubhouse on

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It will take the form of a Fancy Dress (Optional) Dance

Prizes Special Decorations Supper

Admission \$10 per head

TABLE PLAN NOW OPEN AT THE K.C.C.

Adonis and Lombard are quite good over this distance and will be near at the finish.

THIRD RACE

Eastern Handicap (First Section) Six Furlongs

The two best ponies in this race are undoubtedly Thousand Miles (M. Samarcq) and Wise Leader (K. Kwok). Thousand Miles was second in the Epsom Handicap (First Section) over the mile at the last meeting, and, judging by that performance, it has a good chance of scoring a win here.

Wise Leader has shown improvement under the careful guidance of K. Kwok during morning gallops and must therefore be seriously considered. Emperor Delight (C. F. Ng) and Rebel II (A. Travert) may have something to say with regard to the third position, but I don't think they can win.

FOURTH RACE

Jockey Cup II, Miles

A perusal of the entries in this race for Novice Jockeys leaves the impression that Tumbledown (Albert Lam) has a good opportunity of winning as it is in splendid condition at the moment.

Souvenir (Allan Chan) must be borne in mind as the pony is improving during morning gallops. Tanglefoot (Lad Chun-fai) and Turn-of-mind (Herbert Lee) are also dangerous and must not be overlooked.

FIFTH RACE

Eastern Handicap (Second Section) Six Furlongs

It is hard to conceive of any pony capable of beating May Blossom (C. L. Liu) to the finish post unless it be Good Girl (H. K. Kwok) which is in fine condition at the present moment.

Tell-me-more (M. Samarcq) has plenty of class and may offer some opposition, while Pot O'Gold (W. K. Shieh) could surprise if it gets off to a flying start.

SIXTH RACE

P. & O. Cup: One Mile

After what we saw of Night People (K. Kwok) in the Stewards Cup over Six Furlongs at the Fourth Race Meeting, when the brown gelding romped

home first, we must admit that his chances are very bright because in that race he was conceding a lead to all the runners. In the circumstances, I take a strong fancy to its repeating.

Strathlan (P. Plumby) and Golden Branch (W. K. Shieh) are my recommendation for minor placings.

SEVENTH RACE

Hopetown Stakes (Second Section) One Mile

This race is for the second section of the new Australian subs. and on their training form I believe that the winner will come from among Balkan Monarch (Chun Kiu), Amethyst (A. Ostroumoff), Princess Ellen (H. K. Kwok) and Rebel III (A. Travert).

Balkan Monarch is easily the best of this bunch, and I have no doubt that it will win. Amethyst has been whispered of as the "dark horse" in the race, and for those who are prepared to take the risk, a bet each way may turn out to be profitable.

EIGHTH RACE

Southern Handicap: 1 1/2 Miles

First choice in this group is a mediocre field is Mansell II, Plumbly up. It is able to outclass a field of no fewer than 17 starters, including Cover Girl and Brivisto.

The former will have W. R. Holman up. Brivisto, which finished fourth last time out, will once again be ridden by A. Travert.

Souvenir, Albert Lam up, is in good form and has an outside chance of registering a win.

Orange Beauty, it appears, has seldom run honestly, but if novice Edwin Mok can get the pony going smoothly, it may spring a surprise.

NINTH RACE

Hopetown Stakes (Third Section) One Mile

In this race the following should attract the most attention—City of Victoria (H. C. Pih), Norse King (P. Plumby), Ben Nevis (M. Samarcq) and Oak (K. Kwok).

City of Victoria, in view of its convincing gallop over six furlongs in 1:20 last quarter 28 seconds on January 24, could win.

But, on the other hand, Norse King is also known to have done a good gallop over the mile distance.

Ben Nevis should have something to say at the finish. Oak is quite good over this distance.

I nominate City of Victoria to win, with Norse King second and Ben Nevis third.

TENTH RACE

Phaethon Handicap (First Section) Six Furlongs

A dispute on superiority will be settled between Diana (P. Y. T. Wei) and Mabel (C. F. Ng) in this last race of the day.

It will be recalled that the former managed to secure through an inside opening as she beat the latter over the same route on the second day of the Third Race Meeting.

Their chief worry will be the presence of the speedy bay Sportsman (H. H. Chan) which is known to be a very fast colt over this distance.

ALL-HONGKONG v. YUGOSLAVIA 5

HONGKONG GETS A LESSON IN MODERN FOOTBALL FROM BRILLIANT YUGOSLAVS

By I. M. MacTAVISH

Don't start slanging and banging this Hongkong side until you have given full consideration to the standard of the opposition they were up against... but you can start just as soon as you like acclaiming this brilliant Yugoslavian side as the finest—if least emotional—football machine we have had the pleasure of watching in a long long time.

They played MODERN football with an old fashioned charm, that stimulated yet soothed and satisfied like mature wine. It was smooth; delicate; yet possessing however that subtle indefinable something usually classified as "vintage"... but this was vintage stuff with a kick.

At the end of the game I sat back and tried to decide if the visitors had ever got out of—let alone borrow a motoring term—third gear. They were so casually competent that it would have been most interesting to see how they would have reacted when under heavy and sustained pressure... or when fighting back to save the game.

Hongkong side was—to put it bluntly—outclassed, and as a consequence the visitors, encouraged by a first minute goal, were always calling the tune and setting the pace.

However, it is important that the Colony efforts should be put in the correct perspective by examining the standard of the opposition. The Yugoslavian side is a truly international one. It is built of players who are expected to carry their country's colours in the Olympic Games later this year and also in the next World Cup series.

CURRENT LEADERS

The twelve players who took part in the game yesterday were drawn from 19 different club sides... and as one of these clubs—Vojvodina—was considered good enough to play Glasgow Rangers, the current leader of the Scottish League, at Glasgow on Tuesday night—one can get some idea of the world rating of the representative side.

Having been quite fair so far to the Hongkong boys, let us now say no more and say quite frankly that apart from Charlesworth and Ho Chung-yau and to a lesser degree Tang Sum there was not a player on our side who was fit, on this display, to stand comparison with his opposite number. The passing of the lone players was atrocious and their positioning was often no better.

Whatever plan they had, collapsed about them and they were all too obviously nervous and overawed by the reputation of the brilliant visitors. The defence was shaky from the start and Lau Yee-wei soon in trouble against a fast and accurate right-wing. Chan Chi-kong is still a long way from being ready for this class of football and his fatal misplaced pass often put his mates in difficulties.

The attack was Ho Chung-yau and nothing else. Szeto Man was to blame for much of the trouble by trying to play in several positions at the same time. His team mates never knew where to find him and finally they gave up trying. Shakespeare might well have written "Much Ado About Nothing" especially for Morris and McLennan. They ran for miles during the 90 minutes but they accomplished very little... and in the end it was difficult to say just what positions they were filling. Chu Wing-wah was badly misplaced on the left-wing where he thought and played like an outside-right.

...and what of the visitors as individuals. Veres soon made us forget that famous goalkeeper Bera was missing from the line-up, and his sure handling and acrobatic agility stamped him as top-class goalkeeper in his own right.

The Yugoslav defensive plan was excellently conceived and competently executed. Full-backs Cokic and Sanket were top-class footballers who showed fine ball control and good positional sense, but it was Bosker at left-half who plotted and planned every move.

This brilliant wing-half was just about the most unobtrusive player afield, but to those of us who had been tipped off to watch him closely, he was the complete football artiste.

FORWARD LINE

The forward line was brilliant when exploiting the short ac-

curate pass, but somehow, it never looked quite so good when the long cross-field pass was used. The inside-forwards Toplak and Mujic were tremendous without ever being flashy or trying to overdo the individual effort. They made openings and scored goals with apparent ease.

Centre-forward Veselinovic played away behind his attacking line but his fast threatening burst through the middle always kept danger for Hongkong, and as the goal scoring list shows him with three to his credit, it is obvious that the threat was very real.

Both teams were presented to the Hon. Kwok Chan, President of the Hongkong Football Association, and almost before that gentleman had got himself settled comfortably in his seat, the visitors had opened the scoring through Toplak.

McLennan had had luck a few minutes later with a great drive which Veres turned over the cross bar for a corner.

The brilliant ball play of the Yugoslavian team brought gasps of awe and bursts of applause from the huge crowd but they did not get another goal until the 16th minute when Lau Tim pulled down Veselinovic in the penalty area. The centre-forward took the kick himself and showed just how the job should be done.

Soon after this Lau Tim was injured and had to leave the field for medical attention. He was replaced by Lee Ping-chiu after an unduly long lapse of 12 minutes during which the side played with only 10 men and lost a third goal to Mujic.

A few minutes before the interval, we were again treated to that open abuse of the Substitution Rule, which seems to be so much an accepted part of present-day football. Outside the field, suddenly found himself being tapped on the shoulder by a fully dressed player, Prijinevic, and told to retire from the game.

With a remark that must have been something like "Just a second, Chun! Lipusnovic remained on the field long enough to take a corner kick... before making a graceful withdrawal.

THE WRONG END

Prijinevic found himself in temporary trouble, while Referee Jones and was on the wrong end of a free-kick award for playing the ball, before he had permission to join in the game, but this apart, the blatant abuse of the rule was accepted... although let it be said that in games like this, the referee is in a tight spot.

If he is dogmatic about the rules, he is accused of upsetting international relations. If he accepts the situation at its face value he is taken to task by the purists... but there is not the slightest doubt that the iniquitous rule is wide open to abuse... and abuse it has certainly been getting here recently.

In the 13th minute of the second half, Veselinovic got a rebound from one of his own shots that had hit the bar and smacked the ball into the net. Seven minutes later he got another good goal and brought the score to five nil.

Even then until the end, the visitors contented themselves with consolidating their position and played just hard enough to keep the Hongkong side in check. They still managed to keep Charlesworth busy however, and the Army goalkeeper did many brilliant things in keeping the score within reasonable limits.

The visitors got a big ovation from the crowd at the end. They deserved every handclap of it, and every cheer, for apart from

their excellent football they showed a high standard of sportsmanship and exemplary field discipline.

VERDICT

Makeshift teams are no match for international sides like this one which played so competently in Yugoslavia's colours. A very definite Colony team development plan is necessary and the team must be given a chance to play together... Congratulations to the members of the HKFA who made this football treat—and football education—possible. The huge crowd justified the Committee's confidence in the soccer public and there are now some 27,000 good reasons why the expensive project in bringing this team to the Colony was a good one.

TEAMS

ALL-HONGKONG: Charlesworth; Szeto Yiu, Lau Yee; Tang Sum, Lau Tim (Lee Ping-chiu) Chan Chi-kong; Szeto Man, McLennan, Morris, Ho Chung-yau, Chu Wing-wah.

YUGOSLAVIA: Veres; Cokic, Sanket; Krstic, Crnkovic, Bosker; Kurtovic, Toplak, Veselinovic, Mujic, Lipusnovic (Prijinevic). Referee: — Mr. Jones.

H.K. BISLEY

Clean Sweep For Essex Regiment

The Services meeting was satisfactorily concluded yesterday and for the second year both the Services Individual and Team Championships went to the Bn Essex Regiment.

Capt. H. J. Open-Smellie is again the Services Individual Champion. During the past four days these two top trophies had been seriously contested between the various teams and individuals taking part.

The winning scores this year were slightly lower than those of last year, due no doubt to more difficult shooting conditions prevailing during the whole meeting. Both the Essex "A" and the HMS Newfound-land teams tied on team points, but as the former had a higher aggregate total, the trophy will be awarded to them.

The results of yesterday's shooting were:

The "S.W. Lee" Cup
Winner—2nd Gurkha Rifles "A" 31 pts.
Second—2nd Gurkha Rifles "B" 29 pts.
The "Terry" Cup
Winner—North Staffordshire "A" 101 pts.
Second—North Staffordshire "B" 98 pts.

The "Morris" Cup
Winner—The Devon "A" 101 pts.
Second—North Staffordshire "A" 98 pts.
The "E.M.M." Cup
Winner—2nd Gurkha Rifles "A" 48 pts.
Second—2nd Gurkha Rifles "B" 45 pts.

The "Jockey Club" Cup
Winner—2nd Gurkha Rifles "A" 48 pts.
Second—2nd Gurkha Rifles "B" 45 pts.
The "Final Sixteen"
Winner—2nd Gurkha Rifles "A" 48 pts.
Second—2nd Gurkha Rifles "B" 45 pts.

Agree Total
1. Capt H.J. Open-Smellie 515 pts.
2. S/W R. Baill 500 pts.
3. Sgt A.E. Clarke 495 pts.
4. Sgt Blackmore 490 pts.
5. Col Davies 485 pts.
6. Pte M.A. Hearn 480 pts.
7. Lt-Col H.A.J. Berrell 475 pts.
8. Pte M.A. Hearn 470 pts.
9. Pte M.A. Hearn 465 pts.
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14. Pte M.A. Hearn 440 pts.
15. Pte M.A. Hearn 435 pts.
16. Pte M.A. Hearn 430 pts.

ANOTHER GOOD SAVE



Another of Charlesworth's brilliant save helped the All-Hongkong side from a heavier margin of defeat as depicted in this photograph. With the Yugoslavian centre-forward, Veselinovic about to tap the ball through Charlesworth's legs, the All-Hongkong keeper gathered the ball to save what appeared to be a certain goal. The visiting team won 5-0.—China Mail Photo.

WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

Canada Score 4-0 Win Over Germany At Ice-Hockey

Cortina D'Ampezzo, Jan. 26.

Canada defeated Germany tonight by four goals to nil in an "A" Pool match for the eliminating rounds of the Winter Olympic Ice-hockey Championships.

The Canadian goals were scored by Gerry Thaberge (one in the first and one in the second period), Ken Laufman (first period) and Paul Knox (second period).

Despite a stout German defence, the Canadians, who won the Ice-hockey Championships at the 1952 Oslo Olympics, dominated throughout.

Austria drew with Italy by two goals to two in the first elimination round match for the Winter Olympic Ice-hockey Championships.

Period scores were: Austria 2 Italy 0—Italy 1 Austria 0 and Italy 1 Austria 0.

Both teams are in Pool "A" of the eliminating rounds, along with Canada and Germany.

The Austrian goals were scored by Kurt Kunz and Hans Wagner and the Italian goals were scored by Bernardo Tomel and Aldo Federici.

The Canadian team was leading in Pool "A" at the end of the first day's play for the eliminating rounds of the Olympic Ice-hockey Championships. The order was as follows:

1. Canada, one match, two points, four goals for and nil against.
2. Austria and Italy. Each with one match, one point, two goals for and two goals against.
3. Germany, one match, no points, no goals for and four against.

The two teams with the most points after playing their three Pool "A" matches will qualify for the final Pool, along with the best two out of the 3 teams in Pools "B" and "C".

SKI-JUMP DRAW

Lynn Levy (United States), Herbert Leonhardt (Germany) and Tormod Knutsen (Norway) will be the first three to jump in the combined ski-jump event for the Winter Olympics to be contested here on Sunday.

The draw for this men's event was made by the Nordic combine jury here today and was as follows:

1. Lynn Levy (US); 2. Herbert Leonhardt (Germany); 3. Tormod Knutsen (Norway); 4. Uno Kajak (Soviet Union); 5. Josef Krwepkowski-Daniel (Poland); 6. Eiko zero Jussila (Finland).

First Bull Fight In Japan Soon

Madrid, Jan. 26.

Japan will soon see her first bull fight, Shozo Kurabayashi, Japanese President of the Tokyo "International Artistic Friendly Society" told a Madrid press conference tonight.

Kurabayashi said he had already bought 22 young bulls since he arrived in Spain a fortnight ago. They will take part in fights organised on the cycle-racing tracks of Tokyo, Osaka, Luoka and Nagoya.

Kurabayashi has also engaged the Spanish matador, Rafael Lorenzo, banderilleros, Pedro Aparicio and Miguel Polo de La Rosa, as well as two torreador comedians, "Charlot Ramper" and "Alonso Lopez Gulerrez".

Since Japanese law forbids blood sports, the bulls will not be killed in the arena. Kurabayashi said they will later be slaughtered and the meat given to institutions for poor children.

—France-Press.

SQUASH FINAL

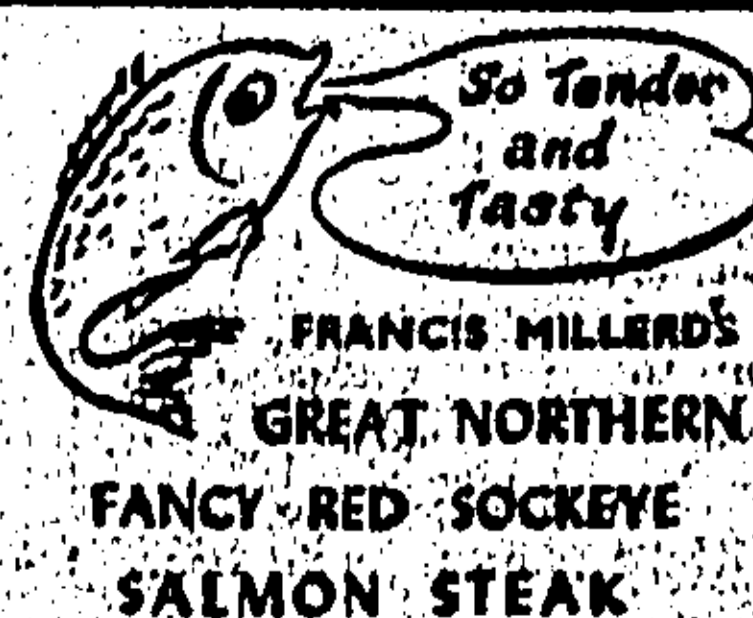
The final of the Colony Squash Championship will be played today at the Victoria Court at 5.30 p.m.

The finalists are Col Sullivan and Slim.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, 1 Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong, on Friday, the 16th day of March, 1956, at Noon for the purpose of receiving and considering the reports of the Directors and of the Auditors and the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1955, and for the election of Directors and fixing their remuneration and the appointment of Auditors.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Friday, the 2nd of March to Friday, the 10th of March, 1956, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
MICHAEL W. TURNER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th Jan., 1956.

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ESKIMOS MAKE CANADIAN MACE FOR COUNCIL

Ottawa, Jan. 26.

Canada's 9,600 Eskimos, long a subject of official preoccupation by the Department of Northern Affairs, have been brought dramatically to the public notice by the Eskimo mace to be presented to the Council of the Northwest Territories by the Governor-General, Mr Vincent Massey, in the New Year.

Greatly interested in the Eskimos and their beautiful "primitive" carvings which appear almost "modern," Mr Massey conceived the idea of asking the Eskimos to fashion a mace as a symbol of authority similar to those of the Parliaments of Westminster and Ottawa.

Mr James Houston, of the Arctic division of Northern Affairs, was called in and presented a sketch. Mr Houston, himself an artist in oils, is largely responsible for having popularised Eskimo soapstone carvings of such subjects as the walrus and the Snowy owl which are now familiar in the homes of Canadian art lovers as well as in museums.

Chief Carver

From his knowledge of Eskimo artists, Mr Houston selected the craftsman of Cape Dorset, on Baffin Island, for the task and went to the area with a Wildlife survey team and a sketch of the mace with him. Cape Dorset comprises a Hudson Bay post, a Government school and a nursing station. It has a total population of six whites and 400 Eskimos scattered over a wide area.

Mr Houston chose Pitulak as his foreman and chief carver. These in turn chose helpers to do such jobs as hammering copper and polishing whalebone, eight men in all.

The Eskimos listened to Mr Houston's explanations of the meaning of various symbols, took his sketch quite literally for the crown and orb, but from then on went their own way, carving a mace which, Mr Houston proudly admits, is far superior to his own design.

Pitulak and his team, laughter-loving as are most Eskimos, at first referred to the mace as "Pingwarlok" (the plaything). As they became more interested in its artistic creation and came to understand its significance, however, they renamed it "Anoutalok," the great club.

After all, the Westminster mace had its origin in the great clubs carried into battle by knights on horseback in days of chivalry.

Narwhal Tusk

Only materials found in the Canadian North were used in the mace.

Search of the seashore produced seasoned whalebone, probably left there by Scottish whalers who hunted these waters nearly a hundred years ago.

For the rest of the mace, narwhal tusk was used, the narwhal being a small whale with a tusk like the horn of the mythical Unicorn which led the explorer Frobenius to report that there were unicorns in this region.

Free copper is found in the Arctic, and out of this Pitulak himself fashioned a crown. Then, there was a serious mishap. One projection fell off and no more free copper was at hand.

The housewife Udlurik came forward, however, and offered her prize possession, a copper kettle left by Lapp herders at Cape Dorset in 1921.

The kettle was melted down and the crown was finished. On hearing of this sacrifice, the Governor-General Mr Vincent Massey, arranged to have a new ten-kettle sent in, to replace Udlurik's original one.

Carving whalebone, entirely without special instruments, the Eskimos fashioned an orb which appears perfectly round to the eye. Below the crown is a circle of Bowhead whales in relief. The Eskimos consider these to be emblems of royalty and power.

Below these, come four musk ox horns, from Ellesmere Island. But the Eskimos insisted that these horns must not be too close to the crown. Otherwise, they said, people would mistake Her Majesty for a Devil.

Other carvings represent a wolf, an Eskimo hunter, an Eskimo woman and child, a white whale, a caribou and a walrus.

Short Summer

To the white observer, the most remarkable thing about the mace is not merely the carved detail but the artistic unity of the creation.

Mr James Houston, who probably knows more about Eskimo carving than any other white Canadian, considers that the task of carving in whalebone and narwhal tusk has brought out talents never properly revealed in the familiar soapstone carvings, and opens up new possibilities for Eskimo art.

Because the Arctic summer is so short, haste was essential and the whole project was completed in 21 days.

On the journey to Ottawa with the mace, however, Mr Houston almost came to a tragic end with his treasure. He had to travel over 100 miles through open sea from Baffin Island in a small boat with an auxiliary engine.

Wind-driven ice smashed holes fore and aft in the vessel so that Mr Houston and his accompanying Eskimos had to ball for 36 hours without stopping.

Twice Annually

Now safely in Ottawa, the magnificent Eskimo mace has become an object of great interest at Rideau Hall, the residence of the Governor-General.

After being presented to the Northwest Territories Council it will be used twice annually at Council meetings, both in Ottawa and at Fort Smith, in the Northwest Territories.—China Mail Special.



New Fiat For The Family

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere, which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

By Air
Formosa, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kumin, 10 a.m.
France, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, 11 a.m.
India-China, Noon.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia & New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., C. & S. America, 10 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Se. China, Br. East Africa, N. & S. Rhodesia & Mozambique, Parcel via India, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Indo-China, 3 p.m.
Korea, 4 p.m.
Indonesia, 4 p.m.
Japan & Canada, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, France, Great Britain & Europe, Parcel & Reg. 8 p.m.
Letters & Packets, 9 a.m., 10/1.
Macao, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.

This new Fiat Multipla 600 is currently on display at the Brussels International Automobile Show. It is a six-seater utility car which does 45 miles to the gallon, has a top speed of 65 mph. According to the manufacturers it is ideal for "family camping."—Express Photo.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

By Air
Formosa, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

By Air
Formosa, 6 a.m.
Malaya, East India, Aden, Middle East, France, Great Britain & Europe, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Burma, 2 p.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Sarawak, N. Borneo, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

By Surface
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Australia, New Zealand, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 4 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

NZ Eases Shopping Restrictions

More May Be Bought At The Weekend

Wellington, Jan. 26.

New Zealanders, from February 5, will be able to shop legally at weekends and after normal trading hours.

Hitherto weekend trade has flourished — illegally, and because the police were unable to catch up with it on a sufficiently large scale.

Now, Parliament has approved an amendment to the Shops and Offices Act which greatly increases the range of goods which may be sold on Saturdays and Sundays and after legally established trading hours by the thousands of week-end and late night dairies, milk bars and other small shops which have sprung up all over the country since the end of World War II.

Wide Range

Shopkeepers have been warned that with the extension of the list of goods permitted to be sold, the law will be strictly enforced and the sale of any other than permitted goods will be followed by prosecution.

In drawing up the list of permitted goods, the Advisory Committee appointed for the purpose aimed at ensuring a range of goods wide enough to enable any resourceful housewife to provide reasonable weekend meals in any circumstances.

It was recognised that many people in New Zealand drive to camp sites for the weekend or go to seaside huts where cupboards may be very nearly bare on arrival. Many flat dwellers, too, have not the facilities for storing unlimited quantities of either dry or perishable foods—and there is always the arrival of unexpected visitors to be foreseen.

Additions

Goods already allowed to be sold after normal trading hours are: tobacco, cigarettes and papers, cigars, matches; confectionery and sweetmeats; milk,

cream, eggs, butter, cheese; motor spirits, petrol and oil; motor accessories which are urgently and necessarily required for the functioning of a motor-vehicle; fruit, vegetables and flowers if sold or exposed for sale by the grower on the premises where they are grown.

To this list, will be added, on February 5:

Headache tablets, cough mixtures, sticking plaster, bandages and emergency dressings; sunburn lotion; medicated confectionery; baby foods.

Bacon (sliced and pre-wrapped), cooked ham, luncheon sausage; tinned meat; savellois, sausages (pre-wrapped); baked beans, spaghetti, tinned and packaged soups; bread, and waffles, ready-to-eat breakfast cereals, biscuits, cakes, pies and bakers' smallgoods; mustard, salt, vinegar, pepper, honey.

In Favour

Meat or vegetable extracts; pastes and spreads; tinned fish and oysters; cooked chipped potatoes; soft drinks and cordials; frozen, bottled or tinned fruit; fresh strawberries and raspberries; nuts, frozen or tinned vegetables; lettuce, tomatoes, ice cream, tea and sugar in 1½ lb and 2 lb packets.

All shops are entitled to remain open to give these extended services to their customers, but the extension will probably work in favour of the weekend and late-night milk bars. If only because of the question of overtime rates for employees in regular stores.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



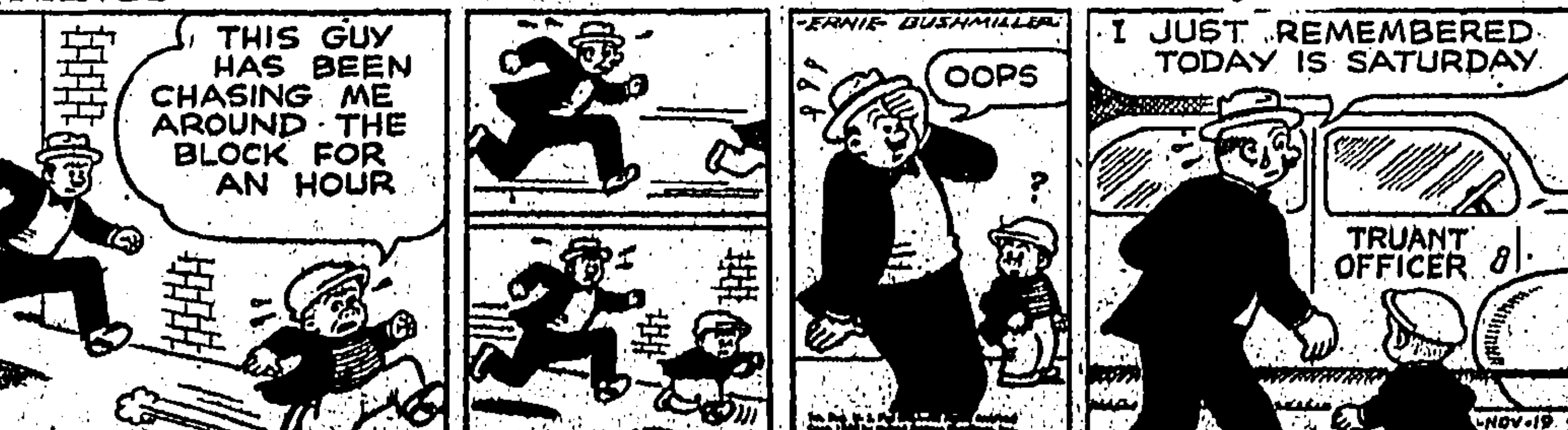
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Chance For Willie

WILLIE, at the age of 63, has committed almost every minor crime that a man can commit, and the file in which the police set down his record bulges like one of those bumper issues of American magazines that come in so handy as doorstops. The number of convictions against him is currently in the mid-70's.

But for all that Willie has been on the losing side so often in skirmishes with the law, there is this to be said in his favour: No bitterness seems to have entered into him, and he has remained a stranger to self-pity.

Which may account for a curious, hesitant, yet persistent testimonial given to Willie the other day by all records of a police officer.

IN AND OUT OF COURT

WILLIE stood in the dock at the Clerkwell court, for the second morning in succession. On the first he had been fined 2s 6d for a trivial offence and had said the fine and gone off on his lonely way, towards the Easton Road.

Somewhere between the court and there, Willie took refreshment of the kind that finds greatest favour with him, a great part of something of about as appalling as lighter fuel.

He reached King's Cross Station, and there devoted himself, for a few minutes, to trying the door handles of parked cars whose contents tempted him.

INCORRIGIBLE

WITHIN an hour of his leaving the Clerkwell court, Willie was under arrest again, and next morning he pleaded guilty to being a suspected person, loitering with intent to steal.

The officer in charge of the case briefly outlined for the magistrate, Mr. Frank Powell, his prisoner's record. "He has twice been sentenced by a higher court as an incorrigible rogue," the policeman said, "and he came out of prison in December from the second of those sentences. Since then, he has been a work in prison for begging."

HE MIGHT MAKE A GO OF IT

"CAN you find anything to say in his favour?" the magistrate asked.

"Well, sir," the policeman said, "I think his downfall has been drink and loss of self-respect."

The magistrate nodded. Willie, a wispy little man looked on without obvious interest in what was being said.

"I would never say, sir," the policeman went on, "that this chap's sort you'd at once take a liking for when you met him. But he seems to have something in him, so that you feel that if he were to be straightened out, he might make a go of it."

"You mean he's a mixture of good and bad?"

RESOLUTE

"YES, sir. He says he can work, and would work." "Does he draw public assistance?"

"No," Willie chipped in, prompt as an actor on a cue. "I've no fixed address, so no public assistance."

A probation officer rose and confirmed that was Willie's plight.

The magistrate turned to Willie again. "If I let you go now, what will you do?" he asked.

"I'll go to the workhouse place," Willie said. "And from there I'll get out and get work." "Very well, I shall discharge you conditionally, which means that you must lead an honest life for the next six months," the magistrate said.

"Aye, I'll do that," said Willie, and he went away, looking almost resolute, and the policeman who had spoken for him followed closely as if he meant to bolster Willie's resolution with advice, while the going was good.

Troops Lay Siege To University

Merida, Mexico, Jan. 26. Federal troops today bottled up leading students in the University of Yucatan, climaxing five days of disturbances and street fighting over a two-month-old teachers' strike.

The Yucatan State Governor, Victor Mena Palma, said a solution of the controversy was "near".

Soldiers besieged the ancient University buildings in downtown Merida, where some 70 students were still holding out against official demands for their surrender. Water and light services to the University were cut off.

Other students staged protests, demonstrations in the city streets.

The besieged students were the smaller of two opposing groups of undergraduates on different sides of the controversy over teachers' demands for a 10 per cent pay increase.

Students supporting Governor Mena Palma against the teachers have been roaming the streets since Sunday, forcing vehicles and clashing with labour unionists who are supporting the teachers and who threaten to call a general strike.

Commissioned Boatman R. E. Jones, formerly of the HKRNVR, has been posted to the Royal Hongkong Defence Force Reserve of Officers it was announced in the Government Gazette today.

Eden Will Seek ...

Anglo-US Declaration On Colonial Policy

London, Jan. 26. The need for an important Anglo-American declaration on colonial policy is to be one of the major topics raised by the British side at the Washington talks, writes Derek Marks from aboard the Queen Elizabeth.

British anxiety for such a pronouncement is prompted by the steady success of Russian anti-colonialism moves in both the Middle East and Far East.

Sir Anthony Eden stays in his cabin working on this and related matters to be talked over with President Eisenhower.

It is clear the Premier now regards a swift answer to Russian psychological warfare in the Middle and Far East to be almost as important as economic development.

A declaration of Western policy coming from both the Premier and the President would also have the effect of answering American charges of British policy—particularly over Cyprus.

A WARNING

Meanwhile the United Nations today studied a warning from Britain that its existence is imperilled by its meddling in the domestic and colonial affairs of member nations. Britain's representative, Sir Pierzon Dixon, speaking before the New York State Bar Association about Britain's position, said:

"It has for two centuries been the historic role of Britain to lead territories to self-government. This process is continuing by a very short time the Gold Coast will have assumed the status of self-government. But if progress towards self-government is to be orderly, it must be left in the hands of responsible authorities." London Express Service.

Legionnaires Dive Overboard

Durban, Jan. 26. At least five French foreign legionnaires, all Germans, dived fully clothed into the sea from the French troopship Pasteur today after she left harbour.

They tried to swim more than two miles to shore. Three other legionnaires are missing and two gave themselves up to police tonight after the ship sailed.

The South African naval vessel Gleditsia, which kept astern of the Pasteur as she sailed out of the harbour, received a message from the troopship about the missing men. Two pilot boats and two police launches, which escorted the Pasteur toward the open sea were similarly informed and the vessel left in the search.

Later it was announced that 10 legionnaires in all jumped from the ship. Three were missing, believed drowned, five were recaptured and two gave themselves up to the police.—Reuter.

Soviets Willing To Join Talks

Washington, Jan. 26. The Soviet Union has agreed to participate in a conference next month to pave the way for the creation of an international agency for the peaceful use of atomic energy, a State Department spokesman announced today.

The conference is to open in Washington on February 27. The conference's chief aim is to study a memorandum drawn up last year, calling for the establishment of the agency. Copies of the memorandum have been conveyed to countries concerned and to the United Nations.

The projected agency was proposed by President Eisenhower in the United Nations in December, 1953. It would comprise Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czechoslovakia, India, France, Portugal, South Africa, Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States—France.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Dad, what really helped you most to become a good salesman—this stuff, or golf?"

NATIONALISTS SAY MILITARY SITUATION IS WORSENING

Taipei, Jan. 26. Chinese Nationalist sources said today that the military situation was worsening around the offshore island outposts of Quemoy and Matsu.

The government, reporting on a battle yesterday, said the Matsu garrison captured a motorised Communist junk. It was one of eight Red vessels spotted and fired upon by Nationalist guns on the island.

The official Central News Agency in a dispatch from its Matsu correspondent described the situation as tense.

The dispatch quoted Nationalist intelligence reports as saying the number of Communist troops, including amphibious and heavy artillery units, has been increased at mainland points opposite both Quemoy and Matsu.

It said additional Red Air Force units had been stationed at fields in Fukien Province opposite Formosa and its offshore island chains.

NEW GUN POSITIONS

The Reds have dug more heavy gun positions facing Matsu, the Northern anchor of the Formosa defence system, and Quemoy, the Southern anchor, the dispatch said.

Nationalist sentries have reported increased Communist naval activity along the coast. The government said the Reds fired 22 high explosive shells at Matsu early yesterday.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.55, Stock Market Report; 6.58, Programme for Children presented by Valerie (Studio); 6.59, Popularity Poll presented by Jean; Predict the Three Top Times of the Week to win £20 (Studio); 6.59, Weather Report; Time Signal; and The News (London Relay); 7.00, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 7.15, Jazz Half Hour presented by Robert Acheson (Studio); 7.45, When the Gods Move (Studio); 8.00, The Bi-Centenary of Mozart. Written and presented by George Hinton (Studio); 8.15, Radio from Here; Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards with Wallace Eaton, Copland; 8.30, Waltzland (BBC); 8.40, Letter from America by Allan Cooke (London Relay); 9.00, Time Signal; Music Lovers Hour; Classical Requests presented by Allen Dekker (Studio); 10.00, Colony Boxing Championships; Commentary by John Wallace (OS); 10.30, Continental Calendar presented by Denise Brennan (Studio); 10.50, Weather Report; 11.00, Time Signal; Radio News Reel (Recorded London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; God save the Queen; 11.30, Close Down.

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Smart Work

By Fire Brigade

But for smart work by the Fire Brigade a tenement house in Queen's Road West would have been destroyed by a fire that started in a back room on the ground floor of the three-storeyed building shortly after 11 a.m. today.

Six appliances were rushed to the scene, No. 163 Queen's Road West, within minutes of the alarm which was put in at 11.02 a.m. Two ambulances arrived shortly afterwards.

Firemen, under Chief Fire Officer W. J. Gorman, found flames enveloping a room at the rear of the Ngau Mei Clothes Shop. Thick smoke was pouring out of the shop's entrance. The fire was already eating away at the ceiling of the room, and would have spread to the first floor had the firemen not stopped its progress.

Under difficult and cramped conditions they fought the blaze, bringing it under control 15 minutes later. The fire was put out shortly before Noon.

TEARFUL REUNION

It was later established that the room belonged to a Chinese woman, Wong Yuet-ming, who lived there with her two children. She was at work when the fire started, but returned to find that her son and daughter were missing.

There was a flurry of excitement as firemen plunged into the still-smoking rear room and Police officers started questioning neighbours. Finally there was a tearful reunion when the children, a seven-year-old boy and a girl of five, were discovered safe and sound at a neighbour's shop several blocks away.

The cause of the fire has not yet been established.

CONFIRMED IN RANKS

The following appointments in the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve have been approved by His Excellency the Governor. It was announced in the Government Gazette published this morning:

Mr R. A. Dodd and Mr R. W. Primrose, Probationary Lieutenants confirmed in the rank of Lieutenant; Mr A. C. McDonald and Mr V. A. Tozoff, Probationary Sub-Lieutenants, confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant; Mr R. Fairbairn, Probationary Lieutenant Commander (Sp.), confirmed in the rank of Lieutenant Commander (Sp.); Mr Desmond Proctor, Probationary Lieutenant Commander (Sp.), confirmed in the rank of Lieutenant Commander (Sp.); Mr Richard Frederick George Dennis, Petty Officer, appointed Probationary Acting Sub-Lieutenant; Mr William Richard Norman and Mr James Alexander Anderson, Acting Petty Officers, appointed Probationary Acting Sub-Lieutenants; Mr Walter Stewart Collier, M(E), appointed Probationary Acting Sub-Lieutenant (Sp.); and Mr Wallace Gerard Gregory, Probationary Writer, appointed Probationary Acting Sub-Lieutenant (Sp.). Mr William Norman Rainger, Writer, appointed Probationary Acting Sub-Lieutenant.

Stamps Being Withdrawn

It was announced today in the Government Gazette today that three types of Commemorative Issues of Hongkong postage stamps will be withdrawn as legal payment of postage as from and after August 31, 1956.

The following are the names of the issues and values: Peace Commemorative Issue, 30 cents and \$1; Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 10 cents, 20 cents, 30 cents and 50 cents; Commemorating the Silver Wedding Anniversary of His Late Majesty King George VI, 10 cents and \$1.

Holders of such stamps are advised to use them before September 1, 1956, or, if preferred, to apply to the Postmaster-General for exchange of postage stamps of the current issue.

Heroin Possession Charge

A 10-year-old unemployed man, Cheung Chu-ming, alias Cheung Chi-wah, was remanded for three days in Police custody by Mr Hin-sing Lo at Central Police Station on a charge of possessing ten pounds of heroin.

Cheung was alleged to have had in his possession 16,336 heroin pills on January 25.

The burglar alarm went off at 10.55 this morning at the Belgian Bank, Edinburgh House, due to a short-circuit.

Overcharged School Fees

Remarkable that the offences were serious, Mr I. T. Morris at Kowloon this morning imposed a fine of \$500 on Li Tsan-wai, manager of the Kim Sin Primary School, 856, Canton Road, ground floor, for furnishing false information in regard to school fees charged and overcharging the Government gazetted fee of \$10 per pupil monthly.

The defendant was represented by Mr A. Y. Hon.

Det. Sub-Inspector G. Fergus, prosecuting, said on November 4 last year, the defendant showed to two school inspectors a set of receipt books purporting to show that each pupil had paid a fee of \$10 per month. However, on checking with the pupils, the inspectors found that the fees charged were between \$14 and \$23 per month, and that completely different receipts were given for these amounts.

On October 10, 1955, seven of the pupils were found to have paid school fees ranging from \$14 to \$17 per month.

Insp. Fergus said the defendant had never made any application to the Education Department for raising the fees before the offences occurred.

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